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EL CERRITO High School flag girls march in the Solano Avenue Stroll parade last Sunday in Albany.

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A perfect day for a Stroll

By Clare Curley

STAFF WRITER

Perfect weather and a host of "local legacies" drew droves of Bay Area residents to the Solano Stroll Sunday, which celebrated its 26th year by honoring the area's most notable icons. Over 100,000 people showed up for equally eclectic array of music, food and live entertainment and the Stroll's longest parade yet.

Entertainment ranged from a good ol' fashioned wet-sponge-in-the-face to a juggler who tossed lit baguettes and tofu — a true Berkeley meal.

Other events included a pancake breakfast for the early-risers, a crafts fair, silent auction, children's area, art car section and a bicycle ramp-jumping exhibit.

In spite of the large numbers, the day passed fairly injury-free.

"The crowd was mellow, the weather was beautiful — I just couldn't have asked for a better day," said Solano Avenue Association's Lisa Bullwinkel, who coordinates the event.

Parade entries jumped from 90 to 120 this year. A main attraction were the legends themselves, many of whom waved to parade watchers from a series of old convertibles donated by the Model T Club.

The winner of the grand prize for best parade theme was a float from Crestmont School in Richmond built to look like the Library of Congress, complete with bookshelves and books all hand-drawn by students.

Runners-up were Bill Ortman, owner of Ortman's Ice Cream Parlor, driving his shiny 1910 Buick; East Bay Peace Action

carrying a 30' inflatable missile dedicated to a legacy of peace; the Canyon Community Stirling Group dressed as pine trees surrounding the UC Campanile; and Dario Meniketti, rumored to have never missed an Albany City Council meeting.

Judges included Congresswoman Barbara Lee, Kathy Lee of Lee Graphics and Hills Newspapers columnist Martin Snapp.

Mayor Jon Ely, who showed up at the Albany Police Activities League booth to help gather signatures for upcoming youth programs, couldn't help but notice the passing parade.

"The parade seemed a little more political this year, maybe because it's election year," he said, noting the lack of dogs

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Web site focuses on Albany

By Clare Curley

STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — You can look up last week's City Council agenda, check out community events or opine about the school system on a budding local Web site — AlbanyFocus.org.

Jacque Berchten, the site's creator, is in the process of building a communication and resource tool for Albany business owners, workers and residents alike. His lofty goal, he said, is "to bring people together, provide information and a platform to express opinions, be inspired, share each others lives, and promote peace as informed citizens in a world of twin professional families."

The list of sections that currently offer information are Government, Ideas, Opinion, Community Events and News. Longer, however, is the list of head-

ings not yet available to visitors. Now that it's up and running, Berchten is in search of people to help him keep up the site's many different sections. He hopes to form a group of dedicated volunteers that will help him bring it up to speed.

"I want to go to PTA meetings, schools and organizations to promote the site," he said, which he plans to begin doing in the coming months.

Berchten wears many hats, and Web site creator is just one of them.

He is also a freelance designer, stay-at-home-dad, "information architect" and sometime taxi driver.

With help from his wife Rachel, he began developing his labor of love a year ago, now putting in about 15 hours a week. But a Web site, like a Tamagotchi,

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Committee reaches end of a long road

By J.R. Deaton

STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — "With some reluctance and a sense of nostalgia, the meeting was adjourned at about 10:15 p.m."

That's how Co-chair Al Miller described the final act of the Services for the 21st Century Committee of the Whole.

The CotW, consisting of any El Cerrito resident who wanted to attend and be a member, met twice a month from April 9, 1998, to Aug. 29, 2000. The group was charged by the City Council with finding out if a city budget deficit was on the horizon and to study the city's infrastructure needs.

"After nearly two and one-half years of deliberations and dedicated effort to examine these issues, the CotW has ful-

filled its original charter," states the committee's final report, which should be formally presented to the City Council at its Oct. 2 meeting.

The committee met about 60 times, heard presentations from the managers of various city departments, reports from sub-committees and debated civic fiscal issues.

"We found that having an open membership policy served us well and led to a broad and valuable spectrum of views among CotW members," the final report states "We also learned that being allowed to address the council's charges — independent of assigned duties by council or staff — has led to objective and important findings." To fulfill its

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Police having problems filling some openings

By J.R. Deaton

STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — In a report to the City Council last week Police Chief Scott Kirkland said recruiting for current vacancies in the ECPD "has almost become a full-time position."

Kirkland pointed out that with the recent promotion of Daniel Hurley to commander, a vacancy now exists in the administrative support sergeant's position.

"Even with the promotional testing underway for the positions of sergeant and corporal, it would be remiss of me to transfer a person from the field operations division to the administrative di-

vision until such time we have the sufficient personnel not to negatively affect patrol."

There are six vacancies in the department; the field operation division is working with four fewer sworn officers and the investigation division is working with two fewer detectives, Kirkland pointed out.

"The department needs immediate assistance in this area," Kirkland said and added that he will seek council authorization next week to hire a contract officer to fill the administrative support sergeant's position starting in October.

Fatapple's happy just where it is, thank you

By J.R. Deaton

STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — Don't worry, Fatapple's Restaurant & Bakery at 7525 Fairmount Ave. is alive and well in El Cerrito and plans to stay that way.

Rumors that the longtime favorite eating and meeting place was having lease problems and may be forced to move are, according to owner Hildegard Marshall, just that — rumors only.

"I have no intention to retire or move or do anything — it's all gossip," Marshall said last week. She said she had not heard the rumors and has no idea how they started.

Marshall, who owns the restaurant and leases the property said she has a 16 year lease option and plans to serve up good meals at the Fairmount Avenue location for years to come. "It's all gossip — I haven't heard of it."

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An exhibition of art from the heart

Tanna Bellia goes from coordinating art exhibits to holding one of her own

By Clare Curley

STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — With her retirement, long-time city employee Tanna Bellia finally has a chance to both work on her art and show it off. Her latest show, entitled "Straight From The Heart," kicks off her new life with a three-month exhibit in the Albany Community Center's Foyer Gallery.

Bellia's work has been shown many times at the Asian Cultural Center in Oakland, where she lives, as well as at other venues in Oakland and San Francisco. However, aside from a handful of pieces that temporarily donned the walls of Rendez-Vous Cafe, this is her first show in Albany.

"I'm kind of nervous about it," she said.

Last June Bellia left her position with the city's Recreation and Community Services department, where she spent 14 years working in various capacities.

Although German impressionism was a primary influence of hers, the small, eight-piece exhibit indicates a widely varying style. The mix includes pastels of hanging flowers, acrylic pieces, drawings on paper and some collage/pastel mixes.

"I'm a prolific figurative artist — I paint practically every day," said Bellia.

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

'FAT CAT' is one of the paintings at the exhibit of Tanna Bellia's artworks.

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WORTH CHECKING OUT

Sycamore Bazaar

Sycamore Congregational Church holds its annual Sycamore Bazaar from noon to 5 p.m. on Sept. 17 at the church, 1111 Navellier St. in El Cerrito. The annual event will feature delicious Japanese foods, teriyaki chicken, baked goods, hamburgers, handicrafts, games and plants. Details: 510-525-0727.

Harding book fair, ice cream social

Harding Elementary School in El Cerrito is holding two events Wednesday, Sept. 20. There will be a Scholastic Book Fair from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sept. 20 in the school library. That same day, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., there will be an ice cream social in the school lunchroom. Harding Elementary is at Fairmont and Ashbury avenues.

Coastal cleanup

Volunteers statewide will be working Saturday, Sept. 16, to put California's shoreline areas in a more pristine condition at Coastal Cleanup 2000, and you can be part of it. Join with members of the West Contra Costa County Group at the Pt. Isabel Regional Park parking lot at the end of Central Avenue. Meet and sign up with regional parks staff then go to the new parking lot across the street from Costco. Bring work gloves (and/or barbecue tongs to minimize stepping) and sturdy shoes that can get muddy. Refreshments to follow. For information contact Phil Maynard (phone 510-237-7520; email philmaynard@home.com). In Albany, volunteers will work from 8:30 a.m. to noon after first meeting at the foot of Buchanan Street at Golden Gate Fields. Gloves and bags will be provided. In addition, the Friends of Five Creeks is leading a shoreline cleanup walk, to talk about history, wildlife, and restoration possibilities from Strawberry to

Codornices creeks, at 10 a.m. Meet at Sea Breeze Market, south of University Avenue and just west of the freeway in Berkeley. For details, call 510-848-9358 or e-mail f5creeks@aol.com.

Plaza design review

A public hearing on the El Cerrito Plaza project will be held by the Design Review Board at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 20 in Conference Room A at City Hall, 10890 San Pablo Ave. Details: 510-215-4330.

Library Friends' Book Sale

The Friends of the El Cerrito Library will hold their annual fund-raising book sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 17. Thousands of books for readers of all ages — along with numerous CDs, videos, books on audiocassette, and music recordings — will be offered at very low prices. Selection includes fiction, nonfiction, cookbooks, children's books, and books on history, sports, philosophy, business, travel, art, and science. On Sunday, all items will be sold at half-price. From 2 to 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 18, West County teachers may select any unsold books at no cost for use in their classrooms. The sale will be held behind the library at 6510 Stockton Ave., El Cerrito. The Friends' sales of books raised more than \$5,000 last year. The money is used to sponsor special programs and buy materials for the El Cerrito library.

AAUW meeting

The Richmond-El Cerrito Branch of the American Association of University Women will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, at the Masonic Lodge on Stockton Avenue in El Cerrito. A continental breakfast will precede the meeting. The guest speaker is Rita Westner, East Bay district co-director of AAUW. There will be interest group sign-ups and the presentation of "Tack-trek" re-

ipients. Details: Jan Bigelow, 527-3205.

School supply drive

The El Cerrito High School student body is having a schoolwide school supply drive through Friday, Sept. 22. The student body would like to collect school supplies for elementary school children in our district who otherwise would not have them. Please bring crayons, folders, pencils, erasers, colored pencils, art supplies, pencil boxes, etc. These items are being collected in all second block classes. Look for the big brown bags donated by Safeway in El Cerrito. The second block classes that have the most donations win a prize. The donations are going to Nystrom Elementary School in Richmond.

Albany Library contest

An "Antique or Unusual Kitchen Items Contest" is going on at the Albany Library, 1247 Main Ave. Come try to identify the antique or unusual kitchen items in the display case at the Albany Library and maybe you'll win a box of truffles. The contest runs until Saturday, Sept. 30. Entry blanks are available at the reference desk.

Puppets in the Park

Snappdragon Puppeteers will present an exciting, action-packed puppet show for kids of all ages from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 15, at Arlington Park on Arlington Avenue in El Cerrito. There will be balloons, box lunches and a raffle for prizes. All proceeds benefit Berkeley Hills Nursery School. Tickets available at the park and lunches can be pre-ordered at 510-525-3366.

Family story time

The Kensington Library hosts a free family story time program for all ages at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26. Details: 510-524-3043.

Paintball gun incidents prompt arrest

By K. Osborn
CORRESPONDENT

ALBANY — On the night of Sept. 4 officers received a call from the CHP regarding the driver of a blue '94 Saturn SW who was driving erratically and was possibly impaired. Officers contacted the vehicle on Solano Avenue near Jackson Street and found that the driver, a 62-year-old Albany man, was intoxicated. He failed the Field Sobriety Test and was arrested. He was cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

■ At about 1:30 p.m. on Sept. 5 a resident on the 1000 block of Evelyn Avenue reported that a white car had backed into her driveway. When she approached the car the driver, described as a dark skinned male teenager with a bald head and wearing a white tank top, opened the door and exposed himself to her. The vehicle was last seen traveling north on Evelyn Avenue and was gone when officers arrived.

■ On the evening of Sept. 6 officers responded to the area of Marin and Masonic avenues on reports of a teenager using a switchblade knife to carve into a bench. Officers contacted the 13-year-old Albany boy and arrested him for vandalism. He was released with a Notice to Appear.

■ On the evening of Sept. 7 a resident on the 1300 block of Solano Avenue reported that her gray '86 Honda Civic had been stolen while it was parked in the parking garage. There were no witnesses.

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■ At about 2 a.m. on Sept. 8 officers stopped a blue '86 Mazda near Portland and Pomona avenues for speeding and reckless driving. The driver, a 31-year-old Albany man, was found to be intoxicated. He failed the Field Sobriety Test and was arrested, cited and held to be released when sober.

■ On the morning of Sept. 8 officers stopped a black '77 Datsun for a vehicle code violation. The driver, a 42-year-old Berkeley man, was found to have an outstanding warrant from Oakland and two outstanding warrants from Santa Clara. He was arrested, cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

■ At about 12:30 a.m. on Sept. 9 Albany officers stopped a bronze colored '86 Nissan near San Pablo and Potrero Avenues on reports that the occupants of the vehicle were using paintball guns to fire on people. Officers arrested the Richmond men, ages 20 and 22, for assault with a deadly weapon. They were transported to the Berkeley Jail.

■ On the morning of Sept. 9 Albany dispatch received reports of two porta-potties that had been turned over during the night. There were no witnesses.

■ On the morning of Sept. 9 security for a building on the 500 block of Pierce Street reported that vandals had kicked the driver's side door of a gray '79 Mazda causing dents.

There were no witnesses. ■ On the evening of Sept. 9 an incident on the 800 block of Canal Avenue reported that during the night someone had entered his residence and caused damage to his property. There were no witnesses.

■ At about 8 p.m. on Sept. 9 officers stopped a white '90 Ford Mustang on reports of reckless driving and loud music. The driver, a 21-year-old Albany boy, was found to be intoxicated. Albany officers stopped the same driver two days previously that evening and charged him about reckless driving. He was arrested and released to his parents with a Notice to Appear. The was towed.

■ On the night of Sept. 9 a business owner on the 1500 block of Solano Avenue reported that vandals had thrown eggs at her business, scratched her front window. There were no witnesses.

■ During the Solano Street Sept. 10 Albany officers returned lost parents with their very young children.

■ At about 1:30 a.m. on Sept. 10 officers responded to the 900 block of Polk Street on reports of a '94 Nissan that had hit several cars on Polk Street. Officers located the vehicle and the driver, a Richmond man, was found to be intoxicated. Officers learned that the man had several cars on Madison Street. The driver was arrested.

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You can play 'Survivor,' El Cerrito style

Learn how to be a survivor by joining your friends and neighbors for these upcoming activities:

■ **Survivor Party** (NEAT General Meeting) Wednesday, Sept. 20, 7:15-9:15 p.m., at the Senior Center, 6500 Stockton (behind the El Cerrito Library). Free. Everyone welcome. Invite friends and neighbors.

This meeting will include a Survivor game that you can replicate in your neighborhood. Refreshments

included (no grubs, they promise). Also, new ideas to work with and organize your neighborhood to survive emergencies, and brainstorming and networking with others. Fun for all.

■ **Survivor Class** (NEAT training course), four consecutive Wednesday evenings from 7:15-9:15 pm from Oct. 4 through Oct. 25, with the Survivor Challenge (Skills Practice Session) on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 8:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. It is important to

attend all sessions of this comprehensive emergency preparedness survival course. Free. For location and reservation, call Pat Cafetel, 525-7268.

The NEAT Program offers information and training in emergency preparedness for the residents of El Cerrito and Kensington. For more information about the NEAT Program, contact NEAT Program Coordinator Pat Cafetel at 510-525-7268, or e-mail cafetel@junio.com.

Focus on Dr. Eric Husby-Gerry

By Roxanne Wiley
CHAMBER MANAGER

Dr. Eric Husby-Gerry is a doctor of chiropractic medicine and has been since 1987. He has been practicing on lower Solano since 1989 but just recently joined the Albany Chamber of Commerce and we applaud him for that.

Dr. Husby-Gerry believes in a wellness program that should be practiced all of one's life, as in what he calls "health spine hygiene". He, of course, also treats the unwell, people who have various strains, misalignments or just plain in the back-side from accidents, lifting or just

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overdoing. Eric believes that in his experience most common back ailments are from gardening and yard work.

This fine young man is a local boy from El Cerrito and a graduate of Palmer College and is a father of one. His hours are 7:30-noon and 2 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and best of all he is available for emergencies, 24 hours a day.

Chamber Business

The Chamber is embarking on a membership campaign and we encourage you who are not members to join and for members to encourage your neighbors to get on board.

We offer our membership a wide variety of benefits. One and probably the most beneficial and the least recognized, is that we are a presence at all city council and commission meetings for the sole purpose of protecting the business community.

During the month of September, I will be outlining the many benefits to members. Please stay tuned.

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IN BRIEF

Gas leak clears classrooms

EL CERRITO — The Fire Department evacuated several classrooms at El Cerrito High School on Wednesday when inspectors smelled gas in the building's lab.

The department's hazardous materials team tested the air in the lab and found it within "explosive" range, said El Cerrito Fire Chief Jack Scott. The leak was fixed, and students returned to class.

The leak was found in an inspection of public and private schools in El Cerrito and Kensington that found six problems, including cracked doors, poor ventilation and overcrowded classrooms. The gas leak was the only problem considered a major hazard, said Scott.

There was an increase in calls from parents and teachers concerned about overcrowded conditions in the schools prompted the walk-through. School officials have been notified of the problems.

"We're trying to head off any problems now and work with the district to resolve them," Scott said.

Grant funds will go for youth projects

ALBANY — The City Council last week unanimously approved the award of Community Development Grant funds to the county of Mendocino and Albany and Newark for construction of a teen center at the Tuesday night.

The money, amounting to roughly \$100,000, will go toward a project to build an existing teen center from its current location at the Ocean View park to Albany Middle School, which should take place within the next few months.

The council also authorized up to \$100,000 to go to Miracle Recreation Equipment Company and Polly Construction to install new play equipment in Memorial Park, funded by the city's waste management fund.

The equipment will consist of two play structures, or jungle gyms, made of recycled materials. Melinda, a recreation community services manager, said the structures will be appropriate — one for 3- to 5-year-olds, the other for 5- to 12-year-olds.

The additions are a small part of a larger renovation project to give Memorial Park a face lift next year.

"This will happen in the spring when construction begins at Memorial Park," said Chin.

Councilman Ed McManus was present at the meeting.

No vote on league endorsements

ALBANY — City Councilwoman Mary Thomsen backed off from a recommendation to support the election of Danville Vice Mayor Paul Doyle as second vice president and Pinole City Councilman Maria Alegria as an at-large member to the League of California Cities board of directors after a recommendation received some criticism at last week's council meeting.

A handful of people at the meeting objected to the recommendation, saying residents should be aware of and in agreement with the move.

There's nothing unusual about what was proposed," said Mayor Jon Thomsen, who tabled the motion to avoid further controversy.

Traffic enforcement discussion coming

ALBANY — Residents can expect

the question of whether to provide more police officers to slow traffic in Albany to be revived this month, Mayor Jon Ely has said.

"It will be on our next agenda," he said at last week's meeting.

The comment was a response to resident Debra Dove, who said she showed up Tuesday night to remind members that grant work is needed to provide the city with two new motorcycle officers, who would ticket speeders approaching the Buchanan Street/Marin Avenue intersection traffic. The grant application is due in October, she said.

"One of the issues that has come up over and over again in Albany is speed enforcement," said Dove, pointing to other communities that have had success with similar measures.

Police Chief Larry Murdo said he would also support the construction of physical obstacles, such as speed bumps, as an impediment to speeding in the area.

Event to honor West County's Arts Scholars

El Cerrito-based Celebrating Culture & Community, along with the Richmond Arts and Cultural Commission, will honor West County's California Arts Scholars at a reception from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 17, in the El Cerrito Veterans Hall (6401 Stockton St., one block off San Pablo Avenue). The public is invited to attend this free event.

Each year, the California State Summer School for the Arts chooses several young people from every county in California to be designated a California Arts Scholar. Competition for this award is open to all students in high school and junior high and middle schools.

In addition to the prestige it brings, the honor includes attendance at a four-week-long CalArts arts camp in Southern California. Organizers say many of the young artists who attend the camp report that it provides a lot of inspiration and gives the youths significant confidence in the value of the arts and in their abilities as artists.

This year, of the 12 young people selected from Contra Costa County, five come from West County. These include four first-time winners (Jason Merritt, Jeff Peer, Kimberly Williams and Erin Wooland), along with one repeat winner (Candace Wong). Two of the winners come from El Cerrito, one from El Sobrante, and one each from Rodeo and Kensington.

Details: 510-236-3255.

Choir festival at Contra Costa College

Contra Costa College will present "Church Choir Festival," an outdoor performance from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16. The event is the second presentation of the college music department's series "The Music Project."

The college invited West County and Berkeley churches to take part in the festival by sharing their music with the community.

Participating churches, all based in Richmond, are: Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church, Unity Church of Richmond, Solomon Temple, New Faith Cathedral, Tabernacle of Praise Church, and St. John Missionary Baptist Church.

There is plenty of seating on the college lawn and in the amphitheater, and the public is welcome to bring a picnic lunch. There will be food vendors on hand as well.

Students of the college's art department will have works on display and for sale.

The free festival is being co-sponsored by the San Pablo International Music Society.

The college is at 2600 Mission Bell Drive, across from the International Marketplace.

6-year-old's gumption helps bakery replace fountain

By Kate Darby Rauch

STAFF WRITER

BERKELEY — Like many 6-year-olds, Zachary Bunnell knew a good place to plunk rocks in water when he saw one.

So when the Albany first-grader lost one of his favorite spots — a fountain that had always been there — he set about bringing it back.

"I was sad when I saw it got taken, and I was mad when I heard it got stolen," said Zachary, a quiet, brown-haired boy who likes computers and books.

It all started about a year ago in a small courtyard near the BART tracks outside Toot Sweets bakery and Boogie Woogie Bagel Boy on Gilman Street. Dotted with trees and surrounded by flowers, the courtyard is owned by the bakery, but the public can wander in.

Once upon a time it had a water fountain. A simple 6-foot tier of fluted concrete bowls, the fountain was small, but bubbling, a buffer from city noises, a great place to splash.

One night last year — no one can remember the exact date — the fountain was stolen in the dark of night, hacked off its base, leaving a mass of snipped wires and tubes. The culprit or culprits were never found.

Toot Sweets owner Bob Kelso said he always wanted to replace it, but it wasn't a high priority. It would be expensive. And what if, he asked, it was stolen again?

Then came Zachary. "This kid came in and said he missed the fountain," Kelso said. The people working the counter that day told Zachary it was too pricey to replace.

"He came back the next day with a little sign and a jar and said basically, 'If you're not going to get off your behind and do something, I'm going to,'" Kelso said.

That was in April.

Kelso placed Zachary's collection box on the front counter, above shelves of double chocolate cookies, almond croissants and red pepper

focaccia.

Nearly \$300 has been collected since, Kelso said, and he's ready to kick in the rest and buy a new fountain.

"We were dragging our feet a little longer than we should have. Zachary's given us a little goose," he said, adding he feels a little bad about not footing the entire bill.

The original fountain cost about \$650, Kelso said. Replacing it will cost more, he said, especially taking the steps to make it tough to steal.

Zachary's mom, Laurie Bunnell, said the idea for the collection box was all his.

"He said maybe if everyone donates money we'll have enough to get a fountain," she said. "He was really motivated for whatever reason, he wouldn't let it drop."

The reason, Zachary said, was the rocks.

Not much of a big-splash kid, Zachary liked the way rocks changed color in the fountain's water. The courtyard surface is gravel, rich with small pebbles and stones.

"I liked putting rocks inside and sometimes I took them out," he said.

"Our family rule was however many rocks you put in, you take out," Laurie Bunnell said.

Kelso said he hopes to have a new fountain within a couple of months. He's toying with the idea of a waterfall fountain, streaming down the vine-covered brick building wall.

He called Zachary to run the concept past the junior money man.

"I thought it was a good idea," Zachary said. "As long as it's big enough for us to swim inside of."

Not just kids are excited about the return of the Gilman fountain.

"It will be lovely to have it back," said Lindy Clements, who lives nearby.

Clements, a courtyard regular, said she has made several contributions to the collection jar, even leaving little notes for Zachary asking about progress.

"It's wonderfully astute that he made the suggestion," she said.



GREGORY URQUIAGA

Zachary Bunnell, 6, stands where his favorite fountain used to stand. Bunnell started a collection fund to replace the fountain stolen from the Toot Sweets Bakery.

Alliance sponsors Measure M forum

This coming November Measure M, a crucial school bond, is before West County voters.

The bond will provide for much-needed repairs to our schools, build additional classrooms to relieve overcrowding, and allow our school district to qualify for millions of dollars in state matching funds that could otherwise be lost to other school districts.

On Sept. 25, the Alliance for Public Education, a coalition of organizations working to support public education in West County, will sponsor a forum on Measure M.

The event will be from 7-9 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 25, at the Richmond City Council Chambers, Third Floor, City Hall, 2600 Barrett Ave. Richmond. The public is warmly invited to this event, which will be taped for rebroadcast on KCRT.

Coalition of support grows for Measure M

A broad coalition of support representing the diversity of our West County communities is developing for the Measure M school bond. Supporters include parents, teachers, businesses, labor, and community based organizations. Recent key endorsements have included Congressman George Miller, BaySide Council PTA, United Teachers of Richmond, League of Women Voters Richmond Area, West County Mayors and Supervisors Association, Richmond Chamber of Commerce, and the Contra Costa Building and Construction Trades Council.

To learn more about Measure M, see the Measure M web site: www.childrenofwestcounty.com.

Letters to governor needed on debt relief

As noted in this column two weeks ago, AB 2265 (Arner) moved to the governor's desk late Thursday Aug. 31, promising the West Contra Costa School District much needed fiscal relief. (For background see the West County School Watch website at www.igc.org/westcounty)

The bill is a direct result of years of effort by this community to reduce the impact of annual debt payments made by the WCCUSD to the state.

Now that we have come this far, let's make sure this bill gets signed into law. Please take a moment to write a letter to Gov. Davis asking him to take this crucial step. Below is a prototype letter you can modify and send:

September 2000

Governor Gray Davis State Capitol Building Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Davis:

Thank you for all of your efforts to negotiate and secure the passage of AB 2265 (Arner - West Contra Costa Unified School District). We are very appreciative of this much-needed legislation.

Parents, community members, teachers, and employees of the WCCUSD have been working hard for the last ten years to turn around this school district. You were there with us when we reached rock bottom and began our turnaround and we have built upon that foundation. In recent years, our community has invested a tremendous of resources in our schools including passage of our first bond measure in over 30 years. Our renewed focus on academic achievement is also starting to pay dividends as documented by recent

West County School Watch

By Glen Price

improvements in STAR test scores.

AB 2265 provides crucial fiscal relief to our district and will further enable the district to make great steps forward. I urge you to sign this legislation.

Sincerely,

Ed Fund grant information available

Information is now available on Ed Fund mini-grants and school-wide grants for the 2000-01 school year.

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Who's sorry now?

It was 7:25 a.m. I was at the school district office for a meeting. There were about a dozen of us sitting around a table waiting for things to get underway when suddenly Leonard walked into the room.

"What are you doing here?" I blurted out louder than I intended. All the other conversations came to an abrupt halt and every head turned toward me. I knew what I said sounded rude. I didn't mean it to be. It was just that I was surprised to see Leonard there.

"I, uh, I'm here as a parent," Leonard said obviously taken aback at my too bold and most ungracious greeting. Judging by the looks on everyone else's face, they agreed. I regretted that rewind was not a real life option.

"It's just that I, uh, you know, I'm surprised to see you here," I said desperately trying to soften what I had said to show Leonard and everyone else that I wasn't the insensitive boor that I had just been. I know Leonard but not well. He's a psychiatrist. I had seen him a couple of times several years ago but never outside of his office. I felt like I was wearing my psyche on my sleeve. "You know seeing you out of context, that kind of thing."

I wasn't getting the understanding smiles and nods I was hoping for. Even Leonard was giving me a blank stare, like he was scanning his data bank to retrieve my name. So I walked over to him, reminded him who I was, shook his hand and returned to my seat. I was embarrassed and surprised he didn't remember me.

The meeting began and the first order of business was introductions. When it was Leonard's turn he said his name was Leon. This struck me as odd. Then he gave a different last name which made me wonder if something was up. Had Leonard changed his name?

Or could it be that this wasn't Leonard? Not possible. It looked just like him - same hair, same face, same height. I was sure I had even seen Leonard wearing the same sweater. How could two men look so much alike and not be the same person? I needed to study Leonard/Leon's face to check this out, but I didn't want to meet his gaze. That would be too humiliating. So I sat there looking and not looking, my head twitching back and forth.

Finally I decided this wasn't



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Leonard but not because of anything I saw. It was the name thing. Leonard wasn't the kind of guy who would use a phony name.

Unfortunately this wasn't one of those situations where I could turn a frantically waving hand into compulsive head scratching when I realized I had mistaken one person for another. But I knew I had to do something to make the situation better, to repair the damage.

So I decided to follow the example of our corporate leaders. The CEOs of Ford, Firestone and United Airlines that I had seen on television during the past week apologizing for their mistakes. Publicly proclaiming mea culpa seems to be a trend so I decided to jump on the bandwagon. I owed it to Leonard/Leon. I owed it to everyone else in the room. Besides I wanted to see how it felt.

"I'm sorry," I said when it was my turn to give my report. I looked Leonard/Leon in the eye and continued. "I thought Leon was someone else, someone I know, somebody I didn't expect to be at this meeting."

Leonard/Leon gave me a wry smile. He told me later that he knew that I had him confused with someone else. He even knows Leonard and said I wasn't the first to make that mistake. I knew he was telling me the truth, that he really wasn't Leonard, but I was still having trouble believing it. I wished the real Leonard were there so I could stand the two of them up next to each other.

"You're not a shrink, are you?" I asked still trying to separate Leonard and Leon in my mind.

But it felt good to apologize. And I learned something from that as I am sure all those CEOs have. No apology feels so good that you don't wish you had done the right thing in the first place.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SUVs extravagant

The streets and highways are full of them — all wheel drive vehicles.

They are a fad, and it is safe to guess that more than 75 percent of them will do nothing that could not have been done with the good old-fashioned two wheel drive.

All too many of us had experiences with all wheel drive vehicles in our nation's wars, starting with World War II. I've traveled many thousands of miles in jeeps, 6 X 6's and weapons carriers off of paved roads. Their traction was invaluable.

It does not take an automotive expert to realize that our SUVs are basically trucks that have been jazzed up to be sold as family cars, but that are still top-heavy trucks. They ride harder, burn more fuel, and will roll over at the drop of a hat.

Those of us who do not frequent off-road paths are paying dearly in too many ways for the SUV extravagance.

Robert P. Wells
El Cerrito

Action is urged

We 23 members and friends of Northminster Presbyterian Church in El Cerrito have sent letters to Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia and to Felicia Marcus, region 9 administrator for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, out of our concern for the children and adults who suffer from toxic pollutants released by our nearby industries.

More than 30 industries are sources of numerous harmful chemicals in our air, land and water. The neighborhoods effected are largely economically poorer, the problem thus becoming an issue of economic injustice and racism.

To better help the plight of these people, we urge the following:

Take aggressive steps to ensure that our county meets the requirements of the federal Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act.

Work toward a stronger emergency plan. Ensure that the emergency warning system works in all situations of need.

Expand the Board of Supervisors' and the EPA's work with neighborhoods, especially the non-English speaking communities, so they are better able to cope with the medical and legal problems created by toxic releases.

We look forward to their responses.

William Noel
Berkeley

This letter was also signed by 22 others who attend Northminster Presbyterian Church.

Political 'fig leaf'

I write regarding the news stories deriding Sen. Joe Lieberman for injecting religion into politics.

His use of religion in political speeches

does not bother me and, in fact, I applaud him for it.

But what I find repulsive is the cynical way the Democrats are using Lieberman as a fig leaf to cover up the corruption, immorality and lies of the last seven years of the Clinton-Gore administration.

Isaac Swartz
El Cerrito

Supporting Gore

When the government shut down on New York City's dumping its raw sewage into the ocean off New Jersey coasts, Texas offered to take it, spreading hundreds of trainloads of it over the desert of west Texas annually.

The people living there, mostly Latinos, have tried every legal means available to stop this procedure, as it is causing all kinds of strange illnesses among its residents. No success.

I am an Al Gore supporter.

Lucile Bogue
El Cerrito

Withhold donations

Certainly businesses should withhold donations from the Boy Scouts. There is no room in the land of the free for gay bashing.

Gay bashing is as un-American as racial discrimination, sexism, and ageism. The U. S. Constitution, the Bill of Rights, the Civil Rights Act are alive and well in the year 2000.

Dan Freudenthal
El Cerrito

Include other candidates in debates

Public support and funding entitlement qualify Buchanan and Nader for the presidential debates. Candidates Bush and Gore are not covering several issues and are short-changing others.

The U.N. and its world court attempts to supersede the American Constitution and the Bill of Rights. This threat to U.S.A. sovereignty merits full exposure.

Massive foreign trade deficits, corporate welfare and American corporations operating outside the U.S. with cheap labor and loose environmental requirements, then entering the American market without appropriate tariffs alarmingly weaken domestic productive capacity and destroy quality jobs. Current dependency upon foreign supplier for essential components of military equipment endangers national security.

Campaign finance reform, out of control immigration and lack of an official language cry for correction. An official language unites a multicultural society.

Abolishing life tenure for federal judges and eliminating the current monopoly over elementary and secondary education tax sup-

port with its academic and moral injury to public education, merit debate. A candidate's position concerning the principle that equality under the law means no law favoring any group or office, should be determined.

The electorate needs the positions of at least the four major candidates to find the best person for the presidency.

Dr. John Hartford
Walnut Creek

District needs to account for past funds

I am responding to an article in the Hills Newspapers on Aug. 18 by Glen Price of the West Contra Costa Unified School District Board of Education.

Mr. Price needs to stand on street corners with his hand out because all he can say is "we need more money for schools."

The school district borrowed from the state and shoved a \$5.2 million bond down our throats, without vote, in 1995. This amount should have compounded to approximately \$26 million by now. In 1998, the taxpayers passed yet another bond for \$40 million.

I do not believe that anyone would object to helping the schools in our district but there has got to be a limit to the amount of money that the taxpayers must pay. Where is the \$5.2 million that was supposed to go for maintenance? Where is the money from the state? Where is the money that was supposed to come from the lottery?

It would seem that the public is entitled to know what these funds were used for and why we are constantly being asked to pass bond issues.

I asked Glen Price this question when he was the speaker at a recent meeting of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce meeting. His answer was that the \$5.2 million in 1995 was used for teacher's salaries. This answer is not good enough. We need an exact accounting of the funds and their use.

Property owners and taxpayers must wise up. We are being asked to vote for a school bond issue, Measure M, again in November. If this measure passes, it will be the people who rent property in West Contra Costa who will vote to give more money to the schools, people who have nothing to lose by this issue.

Until I receive an accounting of the previous funds received and an accounting of the programs funded and exact funds dispensed, I will oppose this bond issue vigorously.

Robert Winslow
El Cerrito

How many more must die?

By Art Weber

BERKELEY GRAY PANTHERS

Wednesday, Sept. 13, marked the 101st anniversary of the first automobile fatality in North America. Since then four times as many U.S. residents have been killed in motor vehicle accidents as were slain in all our nation's wars from the Revolution in 1776 until today.

Why do we routinely ignore this significant statistic when we draw up our laundry lists of all the adverse environmental impacts caused by imprudent dependence on motor vehicles? Are we so insensitive to violence that we'll accept it to such an extreme degree in order to have mobility? So many of us agree that the alternatives to driving are so inadequate that we're left with no choice.

One would think that among the rights we all enjoy in the United States is (or should be) the right to equal access to all public accommodations without having to rely on modes of transportation so dangerous that they require seat belts, air bags or crash helmets. If anyone is forced to drive we need to do a better job of identifying the forces or circumstances responsible and exposing them to greater public scrutiny.

Certainly the planning (or lack of it) process that creates sprawl development is worthy of atten-

tion. Land use decisions (so often ignoring public transit and other alternatives to the auto as necessary infrastructure) leave increasing numbers of us faced with a choice of driving illegally or being disenfranchised. All state, county, regional and local planning codes should prohibit any development that is not at least as accessible and functional for non-motorists as it is for those who drive. We have a civil rights issue of the first magnitude here: development that only accommodates motorists (a privileged class) is clearly a violation of the equal protection provisions of the Constitution.

What kind of fools are we that we would build a huge interstate highway system (reputedly the biggest public works project in human history) in the name of national defense, and then force ourselves into dependence on a mode of transportation that is deadlier than war? Surely our federal government can devise some way to require all state, regional, county and municipal planning codes to consider the rights of those who cannot, should not, or choose not to drive. Our own regional, county, and local government land use decisions seem alike much more real a threat to our well being than any allegedly hostile elements outside our borders.

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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson, 1787

Sunflowers, roots and Italian food

Class who called me last night, the way from Italy? Paul Ferrarini, owner of A.G. Ferrari Foods, said, "The good news is I've got good news and bad news," he said. "The good news is my friend, Danielle DiValle, is a fan of principle. The bad news is we won't have any sunflower seeds this year."

But I'm getting ahead of the story. I began writing about Paul.

I began with a press release I received from the Ultra Lucca chain of specialty food stores, announcing that it was changing its name to A.G. Ferrari Foods. That got me wondering. Who is A.G. Ferrari? Who, for that matter, is Ultra Lucca? And why the change?

It turned out A.G. Ferrari was the grandfather, who emigrated to the United States about 100 years ago from the town of Borgotaro, Italy, and founded the family business. Unfortunately, he died before Paul was born.

As for Ultra Lucca, it doesn't do anything. It was just a generic name that came from the fact that many Italians who settled in the Bay Area came from the town of Lucca, and "Ultra" meant, well, even more so.

In changing the name to A.G. Ferrari, Paul was not only honoring the grandfather he never met; he was trying to get in touch with his roots.

Paul's journey of self-discovery didn't end with a corporate name change. Next, he went to the Italian consulate in San Francisco and took out his Italian-American citizenship. He spent half his time here in the Bay Area and the other half in Italy, where he scours the countryside for ingredients to import.

Which brings us back to the beginning of this column and his friend, Danielle DiValle (translation: "Daniel the valley"). She lives in Piedmont valley in Northern Italy, where he produces some of the best flower honey in the world.

But alas, this year Paul will be bringing back empty-handed. Danielle refuses to sell me any more, he said. "He doesn't think it's enough."

The problem is that the weather changed ever so slightly, and the sun won't stay out on the sunflower. As a result, this year's crop has a different set of flavors, like dandelion and acacia.

"I won't sell it to you because we're Italian, and I won't sell honey to a fellow Italian," Danielle told Paul. "I'll sell it to the Germans. They have no taste, anyway, so they won't care."

But Paul is appealing to a higher authority—in fact, the very highest, a convent of Trappist nuns. "Someone, who make an especially good tomato jam (translation: tomato) jam that's a big seller at the A.G. Ferrari stores."

We're asking the sisters to pray Danielle's bees to come back to where they belong," said Paul.

Like that way, we can have sun-



MARTIN SNAPP

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flower honey next year."

But the sisters also had good news/bad news for Paul. The bad news is that the nun in charge of jam making, Soire (sister) Jeanine, is taking a three-year break.

"The only reason they make this jam is to support an AIDS clinic they operate in Africa," said Paul. "Soire Jeanine told me, 'I have great news for you! Because of all the jam you sold this year, we can afford to send two more people to Africa. And I'm one of the two!'"

But not to worry, green tomato jam fans: Soire Jeanine is training another nun, Soire Anna Chiara, to take over while she's gone. So the flow of green tomato jam should continue unabated.

Ever since I first met Paul, I've been asking myself why his story resonates so powerfully with me. (And not just me, either. Every time I write about him, I get a ton of letters from readers, Italian and non-Italian alike, who also identify with his story.)

I think it's because his is a typically American story, one that strikes a chord in all of us, no matter where our forebears came from, or why. Paul's grandfather came here because his older brother had been drafted into the Italian army and killed, and his grieving father told him, "I won't sacrifice any more sons. Tomorrow, you leave for America."

My own grandfather came here to escape a pogrom in Russia. I have an Irish-American friend whose grandfather came here to avoid a British firing squad after the Easter Rising of 1916. I have a Chinese-American friend whose great-great-grandfather came here to work on the Transcontinental Railroad. And, of course, I have African-American friends whose ancestors came here in chains.

Whatever their reasons, once they got here they felt tremendous pressure to abandon their traditions and become part of "the Great Melting Pot."

But now, most of us are several generations away from Ellis or Angel Island. And we're starting to realize what was lost in the process of "Americanization."

That's why we're seeing manifestations of renewed pride in every community across the board: Chinese, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Mexican, Jewish, you name it. We're becoming a nation of hyphenated Americans. At bottom, it's a search for authenticity.

Or, as an old Yiddish saying puts it, "The son remembers what the father wishes to forget."

In a sense, when Paul took out

Italian citizenship, he was never becoming more American.

Paul's bi-continental lifestyle sounds like an ideal way to live. But, unfortunately, not all of us can make it to Italy every year.

But not to worry, because this weekend Italy is coming to us.

I'm speaking, of course, of the ninth annual Italian Festa, which will be at Jack London Square this weekend.

Now, the world is divided into two groups: Those who are Italian and those who wish they were. The Festa is perfect for both.

How can you pass up Tony Gemignani, the World Pizza Toss King, who will demonstrate his astonishing skill with a pizza crust?

Or Andy LoRusso, the "Singing Chef" from "The Donny and Marie Show," who will give cooking demonstrations?

Or Leonard Rossi, the music teacher and band leader at Bishop O'Dowd High, whose trio will be playing at the "Festa Ballo Notturno Sotto Le Stelle" (dancing under the stars) Saturday night?

And the food ain't too shabby, either.

The only downside is that parking can be hard to find around Jack London Square. But that's where good ol' AC Transit comes in.

Once again, AC Transit is going above and beyond the call of duty by providing free shuttle buses to the Festa from nearby BART stations.

You can take the 58, 72, or 73 line from the 12th Street/Broadway station, or the 59 line from the Lake Merritt station. And, like the Festa itself, it's absolutely free.

Finally, one of Berkeley's best Italian restaurants, Venezia, is about to change the laundry hanging on the oh-so-Italian clothesline over the diners' heads.

Next week, in keeping with the change of seasons, the polyester '60s swimsuits now hanging from the line will give way to walking shorts and scarves—appropriate attire for hiking around the Tuscan countryside in the fall.

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Fan coalition devoted to keeping A's in Oakland

By Matthew S. Bajko
STAFF WRITER

What started as a weekly discussion about the Oakland A's in a computer chat room has grown into a formidable lobbying group at least one city official views as an important ally. Along with cheering their favorite team on, these devoted fans have mobilized themselves into a sizable coalition that does more than buy tickets to watch baseball.

Lilian Bartholo, one of the original four founders of the Oakland A's Fan Coalition (Ron Cope, Stephanie Lucas and Montclair resident Jerry Berchenko round out the group), watched in dismay as the A's new owners, land developers/home builders Steve Schott and Ken Hoffmann, bought the franchise in 1995 from the Haas family and began trading away players.

"They started dismantling the team. The team was full of stars. The new owners did not resign some of the major players, players who had participated in the championship years," said Bartholo. "We wanted to keep the franchise healthy and competitive with the fan base it once had."

For the 20-year season ticket holder, Bartholo said fighting to keep the A's in Oakland has been a frustrating task.

"When the change of ownership took place, and we felt a different direction by this new ownership, we started to get worried and felt we should get together and form a group that would fight to keep the A's in Oakland," said Bartholo who can be found in section 119, row 21, seat 9 at every game.

So 2 1/2 years ago, the four computer chatters decided to form the coalition. After five years of discussing the team via computer, the four finally met face to face. The techno-talkers have their own Web site which chronicles attendance figures for each A's game. The site also offers A's fans a forum to discuss the team's chances of winning a pennant as well as to discuss the actions of the city and team ownership.

The coalition boasts a total membership in the hundreds and has more than 5,000 hits per day on the one-year-old Web site www.OaklandFans.com.



THERE IS SUCH a thing as an A's fan coalition, and Lilian Bartholo (left) is a member. Bartholo has held her season ticket for the last 20 years.

"The group has been successful because at least there is a group fighting to keep the A's in Oakland," said Bartholo. "We are organized enough now that our voice is heard and our opinion is heard by the media and the ownership."

Approved by an Oakland official earlier this year, members of the coalition have endorsed and become boosters of seeing a downtown stadium be built for their team.

"We did that reluctantly because it is the only way we think baseball will survive in Oakland," said Berchenko. "It is going to take public will to happen and the current ownership has to sign on. We are just a small grassroots organization and it is not within our power to be the force behind creating a new stadium. We do want to indicate there is support for a taxpayer-friendly, baseball-

only stadium in Jack London Square."

Even before endorsing the downtown stadium, the coalition's goal has always been ensuring the team remains in the city.

"The goal right from the start was to keep a competitive level team in Oakland. Back when we formed, we didn't think the current ownership was doing it," said Berchenko. "The one smart thing they did do was keep the farm system. That has paid big dividends in the last two years."

Another driving force behind the coalition's coming together is to bring fans back to the stadium. To help with that effort, coalition leaders push for the team owners to sign a long-term lease with the city.

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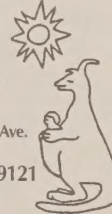
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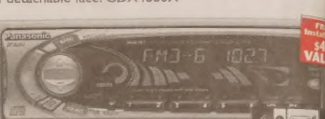
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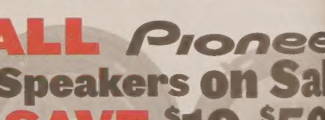
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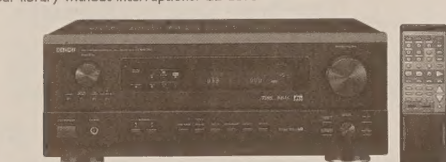
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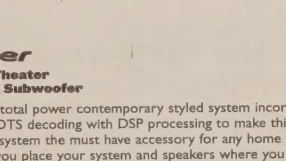
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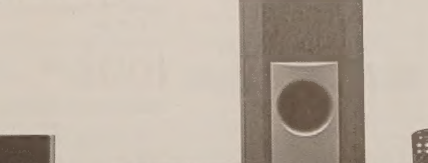
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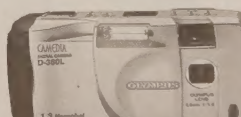
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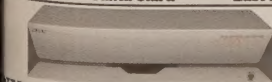
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charge, the CotW made several recommendations and formal reports to the City Council, including changes to the city's budget document (March 1999); recommending that the Redevelopment Agency be put into hiatus until its debt to the city is repaid (approved by the council April 1999); recommending that the General Plan contain both fiscal and land-use elements (June 1999) and its recommendation, accepted by the City Council last month, that the city create a Financial Advisory Board.

In addition, the CotW made a formal report in July of this year to the City Council concerning El Cerrito's

finances.

"The CotW did not find an immediate deficit," the final report notes. "However, CotW projections of expenditures and revenue trends found one to be very likely within two to four years if existing trends continued."

The report notes that some issues need further City Council action and that some of the committee's recommendations, although accepted by the council, have yet to be implemented.

"The analysis of needs for infrastructure and maintenance is incomplete," it states. "There appeared to be a lack of data and planning. Planning for street replacement and repair, park maintenance and vehicle and equipment replacement needs to be considerably improved," it adds.

Recommendations accepted by the council, but not yet implemented, the report notes, include the General Plan revision, improved accounting and budgeting procedures, a poll of the city's residents to learn what services are most important to them and what services they are willing to pay for, a plan for bringing the Redevelopment Agency out of hiatus and a review of the basis for salary comparisons with other cities.

It also points out that "a council plan to deal with potential deficits is not in place."

A copy of the CotW final report, complete with all reports it has previously presented to the City Council, will be available at the El Cerrito Branch Library, 6510 Stockton Ave.

Stroll

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and smaller number of art cars this year.

"It gets longer each year," said Vanessa Moore of El Cerrito, though she doesn't consider that a bad thing. "I want more marching bands," said Patrick Daniel of Richmond.

The Solano Stroll became a national Local Legacy last year when it was included in the Library of Congress' culture section by Congresswoman Barbara Lee.

Berkeley High School bands alone could have supplied the musical entertainment, between the Pep Band, chamber music groups, Baile Folklorico, a rock band and the Jazz Ensemble Combo.

Nom du Jour, a local band that lists a banjo, mandolin and dobro among its instruments, struck up bluegrass tunes on lower Solano. The members perform in bookstores and weddings but said they prefer the variety they get at the Stroll.

As testimony to the smorgasbord of area businesses, booths occupied by Avenue banks were neighbored by massage tables and palm readers.

Berkeley High freshmen Tabatha Hovestadt and Claire Bomberby attested to the accuracy of tarot card readings they received at Deja Vu.

Despite all the hype around boosting businesses, people-watching remains the number one reason many come to the Stroll year after year.

When Albany firefighter Dennis Rives was asked how he managed to stay entertained while cooped up in the ambulance that was on-call, he responded, "Are you kidding? Stand here for three minutes — watching the people is the greatest show on earth."

Some named the Pink Man as their favorite local eccentric. Other less-known types drew unexpected attention, such as E.J. Bliss.

Unemployed and with no other plans Sunday afternoon, Bliss donned a clown costume loaned by one friend, clown hair from another, found a spongy black nose and decided to be a clown for the day. She insists this is her first time.

New vendors also joined the fray. "Put that popcorn down, girl, and get some catfish," called out Thomas Wright, an outgoing vendor of farm-raised Mississippi catfish, who was new to this year's Stroll. Another first-timer was Sophia Peneyra, who sold colorful outfits she crafted for small dogs. Midway through the day she had only sold two.

A petting zoo, pony rides, sand box and the endless crush of strollers were evidence that the Stroll continues to be a family attraction.

But Bullwinkle emphasized the event's diverse pull. "Vendors who

go to a lot of different events said this is the most diverse crowd they ever see," she said.

A group of friends who sat crouched on the curb agreed they like the fact that they can count on things being pretty much the same each year.

The main difference this year? Longer parades and more people, they said.

El Cerrito resident Bridget Watson has been attending the Stroll faithfully since she was a kid 20 years ago. In spite of its sameness, she said, "there are whole new categories that they didn't used to have," also pointing out new participants like Berkeley's Ashkenaz Music and Dance Community Center.

But Berkeley old-timer Albert Gwin, who decided to attend after the Stroll was honored in D.C., did not find the mass attendance to his liking, saying, "I think it's way spectacularly too big."

Bullwinkle may have no intention of cutting down on booths, parades entries or attendees, but she has decided to cut down on the number of events she plans from the 40 she used to take up until last year.

As for what she plans to do now? "Have a nervous breakdown," she joked.

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By Kay Weinstein

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■ Sept. 19, Athletic Boosters Meeting, 7 p.m.

■ Sept. 21, Instructional Improvement Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., AHS Room 53

■ Sept. 27, Back to School Night

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■ Sept. 21, Back to School Night

■ Sept. 28, PTA Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Cornell Multi-Purpose Room

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■ Sept. 26, Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Cornell Multi-Purpose Room.

■ Oct. 10, Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Cornell Multi-Purpose Room

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Art

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"I do mixed media work with fragmented images."

Members of the Arts Committee in Albany have been eyeing her work enviously for years, but being a member of the committee herself precluded her from having any of it shown at the gallery.

"When I saw the scope of her work I was really astounded," said committee member Kay Coffee, who is in charge of hanging the shows at Foyer Gallery.

Coffee is also among those that try to ensure a mix of art, explaining that the committee displays "paintings and photography, anything that can hang on a wall."

By all accounts, their current show couldn't be better titled.

"(Bellia's) work is intensely personal," said Coffee. "Whether there's a dog or person there, it's Tanna. She really got her heart and soul in it."

The gallery is a much sought-after venue for local artists, in part because once they make it, their work remains in the public eye for a good three months. Coffee acknowledged that this aspect engenders some amount of competitiveness, saying, "This is not a community bulletin board — it's an art gallery."

Of eight or nine photographers that solicit their art yearly, for example, only one will be shown. Coffee said that Bellia, like others, was judged by merit alone.

In fact, Coffee said, "It's been frustrating working with Bellia and not being able to show her off." Ironically, as the one who handled applications in the past, Bellia's name is still on the application form for interested artists.

Those who have known her professionally are glad she can now dedicate herself full-time to what she has always considered her true passion.

The department's recreation supervisor, John Medlock, was glad to see her free of the office grind. Still, he said, "I'm envious. Work often sti-

fles our creativity, and it never fled hers."

Bellia worked alongside him as general clerk. Before that she held several different positions, from heading the childcare program to multi-tasking at the Albany Senior Center.

As for her art, "My impression is that her work is strong and raw," said Medlock. "You could tell she is a painter by trade but is self-taught."

Like Coffee, he also sees much of the artist in her art, particularly in the colors.

"I'm happy that she can finally take the time to pursue her dream," he said.

Bellia looks forward to a first meeting with her coworkers Sunday, saying, "I don't miss my job, but I miss all the people of Albany."

The reception is 4-6 p.m. on Sept. 17, at the Albany Community Center Foyer Gallery at 1249 Marin Ave. The public is invited to attend the reception.

Albanys

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needs constant attention and will wither if neglected. Berchten admits AlbanyFocus has grown and shrunk during various periods of time.

Topics that he would like to bring to life are active organizations, kids, history, current events, shops, and a discussion board that would provide a forum for public debates.

It may be a far cry from complete, but it could offer an alternative to the city's official Web site (www.albanyca.org), which hasn't been updated in over a year. By contrast, the City Council and school board agendas are uploaded to AlbanyFocus weekly. The classified section is functioning but stuck in limbo, showing a June Ad from an Albany family seeking an apartment, despite a disclaimer that reads, "Posting period is limited to two weeks."

Berchten succeeded in getting the attention of one key volunteer, Albany

businesswoman Linda Mundy. Mundy, the founder of Webtraders.com, an e-commerce hosting company, decided to adopt the site as a side effort and provided the domain, or hosting, that houses AlbanyFocus.

"I'm hosting the site and have done some of the organization and technical consultation for (Berchten)," she said.

Mundy agrees that getting the word out about the site will be paramount to its success.

"There are all sorts of possible directions to go in, but the real key is to get more people involved," she said.

Mundy guesses that the site receives about 50 unique visitors a day — meaning the same person would be counted only once. "I think it could be extremely useful," she said, providing it attracts more visitors as well as volunteers.

Granted, Mundy has secondary motives, as well. If successful, it could also promote the service she runs through Webtraders.com.

If it does take off, Berchten would

like the bulk of upkeep out of his hands. Though he doesn't plan giving it up entirely, he would like future volunteers to take over the goal is to give it away and have it run on its own," he said.

Asked if he could envision seeing the site or letting the city take over, Berchten balked at the idea.

"The site needs to be independent from any political force. It should be long to the people of Albany, not the city government," he said.

Whether it takes one or five years for this to happen, AlbanyFocus will remain in his hands, he said.

In the meantime he will continue sending out an AlbanyFocus newsletter, which contains some of the same information and has drawn some positive feedback from the community, he says.

"The democratic process has become such a cynical topic," he said. "People do not connect to where they live anymore. I think the Internet could be a great tool to get it back."

Reports

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■ At about 5 a.m. on Sept. 11 CHP reported locating a blue '82 Toyota pickup that had been reported as stolen from Albany. The vehicle was not damaged and they did not have anyone in custody. The owner was notified.

Fan

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on the verge of leaving town. They really haven't gotten public support but they would if they had made a long-term commitment to Oakland," said Berchenko. "They had about a 20 percent pick up in attendance this

year because of their on-the-field excellence. But even a strong fan is going to hesitate buying Oakland apparel if he thinks the team is going to leave town."

The coalition also pushed the Major League Baseball association to support a group of local residents interested in buying the team. Andy Dolich, a former executive with the A's under the Haas ownership and

now an executive with BASS, kicked the team of buyers. The league voted against the deal.

"Beyond that we see ourselves as a watchdog agency on the owner's various threats to leave town and false blaming of the fans for low attendance," said Berchenko.

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STAFF WRITER

On a recent Friday evening at REI, an outdoor equipment store in Berkeley, Roger Schuman and Jan Shriner held a kayaking slide show presentation for some 40 people while shoppers of all ages milled through the store.

A dark room off the main aisle of the store at 1338 San Pablo Ave. was filled with avid kayakers, shoppers and a few stragglers who stood in the back. They sat mesmerized for an hour while the duo shared visual aids of their rafting trips through the marshes of Monterey and San Francisco bays to open coast waters of Big Sur.

The slide show opened with a shot of a river that wound through a rocky canyon, "proof that you could take kayakers down the Grand Canyon just fine," said Schuman.

Shriner's eye for wildlife lent another angle to their experiences. For instance, she pointed out where canyon water temperatures combined from the north and south, bringing in different species of sea otters. She also noted when their travels took them to the second largest Maine wetland in the state and to the Salinas River, a hotspot for birds and other wildlife.

However, much of the presentation served as a general lesson for beginners on up. Some slides depicted the various rescue methods and when they can be executed. They demonstrated steps as simple as loading the boats and took viewers on a tour of the boats themselves, from paddle to compartment to rear hatch.

hatch.

The presentation also demonstrated the boating equipment necessary for different types of trips. One slide depicted the various kinds of kayaks, with a squat pink boat propped up next to a narrow multi-colored kayak twice its length.

Schuman is the founder of Eskape, a Santa Cruz-based sea kayaking company that offers classes, tours and expeditions in California and as far north as San Juan Island, Washington. The slides were based on their new book, "Sea Kayaking in Central & Northern California: Best Tours from the Lost Coast to Morro Bay."

For 25 years REI has offered presentations, or "clinics," on a spectrum of outdoor adventures.

"We try to get all the experts here," said operations manager Paul Russell.

He described the setup as a win-

win situation. "For us it's a chance to show off our gear," said Russell. "And (Schuman and Shriner) got to advertise their book."

Indeed, Schuman and Shriner have had a relationship with the store dating back over a year, when the store would help register people for boating trips. They topped off their latest demonstration showing off a vast array of vests, dry bags, jackets and other gear the store supplies.

REI special events specialist Polly Bolling explained, "We sell gear for cycling, snow boarding, backpacking and climbing, so it's nice that it be tied in with muscle-powered sports."

But she hastened to downplay the commercial aspect of the program. "Our clinics have been the meat and potatoes of REI's special events programs since they started in 1938," said Bolling. "We've been in Berkeley at least 25 years and have evening programs and educational services for customers. They're always free."

Furthermore, she doesn't want to turn off the local audience by having presenters who appear to be selling a product rather than presenting an interesting show.

After all, the store has a reputation to keep up, which it does by participating in such activities as Coastal Cleanup Day, when staffers will team up with the California Coastal Commission and register folks to help clean up California's beaches and

wetlands.

Bolling has the daunting job of planning clinics and other events from Concord to Saratoga. "She has an incredible network within the Bay Area," said Russell, who credits Bolling for the program's success in Berkeley.

Russell was unable to put a value on the shows for the store, but said one benefit was not measurable in dollars. Rather, he pointed to the fact that Shriner and Schuman talked up safety in their presentation, and that presenters typically explain how to use the gear and equipment, which proves helpful for the store.

Though the clinic/event tradition has taken root at the some 60 REI locations nationally, the Berkeley site takes the cake in numbers of events. One of four Bay Area locations, its September calendar boasts close to 10 presentations, as compared to the three events offered in Houston and four in Salt Lake City. Seattle, the store's headquarters, may be the only spot that competes in terms of quantity and diversity of events.

This Sunday the store will hold one of its regular bicycle repair clinics from 11 a.m. to noon. Two mornings a month, one of its "bike technicians" teach basic repairs, such as brake adjustments and fixing a flat.

In addition, a number of locals have used the clinics as a means of

promoting their books and services.

"The great thing about being in the Bay Area is that there are a lot of good publishers here, so lots of authors are local too," said Bolling.

For instance, Arlene Blum, a Berkeley resident and author of *Annapurna: A Woman's Place* (Sierra Club Books), is to give a slide presentation on the Himalayas. She'll talk about the land, peoples, cultures, religion and art, as well as serving up practical tips on trip preparation, gear and staying healthy.

September being adventure travel month, cyclist Marv Schinnerer, who lives in Albany, gave a talk yesterday about the nuts and bolts of organizing a New Zealand bike tour on New Zealand's South Island.

Bolling also encourages non-experts to offer ideas for clinics.

"I'm not hell-bent on people being professionals," she said. "We are also a great venue for folks that have something to share."

Laura Mahanes, who lives in Berkeley and has been kayaking for four years, attended the kayaking presentation. In spite of a back problem that will keep her off kayaks for a while, she went to find out if there were age-appropriate trips to take with young children.

"I thought the presentation was very good - they stressed safety a lot," she said.

Fatapple's

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Marshall owns and operates a second Fatapple's on Martin Luther King Jr. Way in Berkeley.

The small upper Fairmount commercial area where the El Cerrito Fatapple's is located is home to an eclectic mix of pedestrian-friendly restaurants, shops and services.

Among the upper Fairmount businesses are the Fairmount Podiatry Group, a couple of cleaners, the Skein Lane Needlework Art store, the Maru "O" Sushi restaurant, Darling's Sunset Florist, Fairmount Antiques and Wonderland Books.

And of course, no proper urban commercial block would be complete without a cozy little coffee place and The Brothers Coffee House fits the bill for the upper Fairmount.

"Good choice of food, the service

is fine. It's pleasant; I can always park," said Berkeley resident June Kadish about Fatapple's restaurant earlier this week after having lunch there.

Kadish described the small upper Fairmount commercial district as "sort of like the 1960's." When asked to explain, she said "It's not frantic and it's not full of unpleasant stores," and added that the district is "a neighborhood kind of place, where you feel comfortable."

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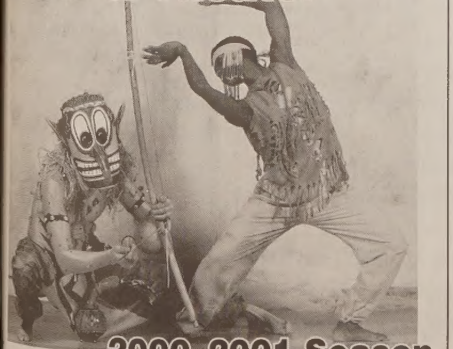


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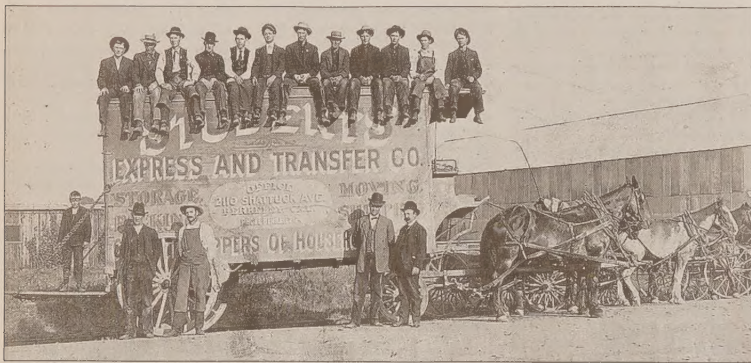
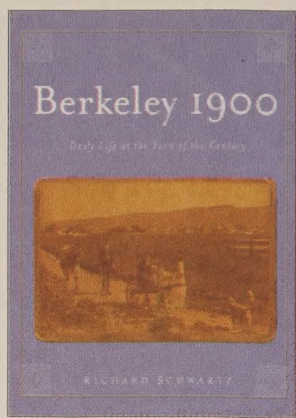
Berkeley 1900

By Richard Schwartz

The students are back! Well, they were back about this time at U.C. at the turn of the century as well. Football news filled the air and in 1905 the powers that be were deciding to make the Stanford game be on Thanksgiving day for the first time. The football players were eating the university out of house and home and wasting large amounts of food as well. The coach felt the veterans returning to the squad looked much improved and in better shape. The freshman, as usual, were still an unknown quantity.

Meanwhile, more students of more modest means were forming companies or co-ops to work to earn money for school and food.

Richard Schwartz's new book, "Berkeley 1900, Daily Life at the Turn of the Century," a snapshot of daily life 100 years ago as described in the pages of the Berkeley Daily Gazette, is available at Berkeley bookstores.



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By Adrienne Nash
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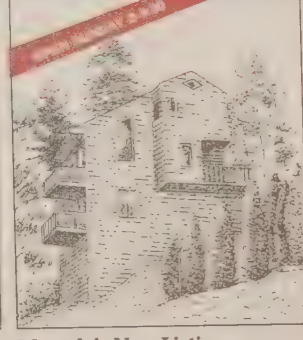
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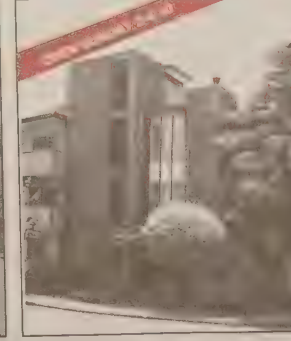
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Because the owners of the property had already moved many of their furnishings to their new home, Glass-Sabine recommended renting furniture.

The team then personally selected a few pieces that complement the contemporary and dramatic feel of the home.

To enhance and complete the desired look, Judith and Sheila bought in pillows, decorative pieces, candles, hand-painted ceramics, table settings, fresh towels and soaps for the baths and crusty bread for the kitchen counters with flower arrangements and plants everywhere.

To accent the beautiful trim in the spacious, state-of-the-art chef's kitchen, they decorated the kitchen table for casual dining with copper fabrics and tableware.

The use of fresh flowers has become part of the Glass-Sabine signature. They bring in local artist Scott Job who is closely involved with the decorative development of

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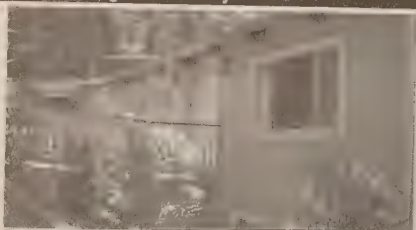
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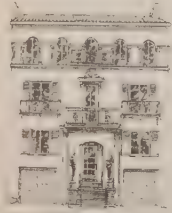


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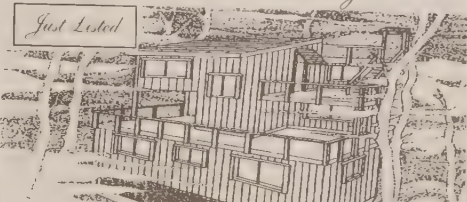


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Internet saves money, threatens traditional agents

By Carol Anne Carroll
CORRESPONDENT

Part 1 of a 3-Part Series
Realtor Glenn Mendell is one of the few who can conduct real estate transactions completely via the Internet. He doesn't hesitate to separate the two worlds. "I wouldn't say I'm over the Internet, but I'm the first that doesn't require face-to-face meetings."

Mendell estimates that 75 percent of the real estate sales conducted through his Web site, Homefox.com, are done through a combination of fax, and phone. "We meet with one in four customers," he says. "The other three may be another year or more before they can be sold."

Documents still have to be signed through title companies. However, Mendell believes his company is close to providing "real estate transactions over the Internet" to investors.

What e-trade is to investors is to real estate, he says. Although Homefox.com is not the only company in the business, it is one of the key players. Mendell believes his company has a number of advantages which put it at the forefront of the Internet sector. For one, his company has been using the Internet in real estate transactions since 1995.

Five years is a long time in the Internet world, and they have given the company a chance to see first-hand how it works and does not work in online real estate transactions. "Even when we did in 1997, and '98 like horse-and-buggy (technology) in comparison to what we have now," Mendell noted. Technology is the definitive advantage over its competitors.

During his 15-years of real estate experience, he notes that both Homefox.com and eHome are especially "Internet folks, with venture capitalists on board," Mendell said, resting easy, however.

"I'm convinced they'll catch up because they're funded," (Homefox.com) is also obtaining funding, "officially launch," Mendell said later this year. As for technology, he adds that a co-founder of Silicon Graphics is a partner in the company.

Another difference is that Homefox.com offers a whole spectrum of services to its clients, so they can choose whether they want a full-service agent or a discount agent, save money when they opt for fewer services. Clients can choose to run their own open house, for example, save money on the cost of seller's home.

That, this aspect of the company's new Homefox.com was started.

When Mendell was working as a real estate agent in the mid-1980s and early 1990s, "I disagreed with the commissions," he says. "If a home sold in only three or four days, why is the broker entitled to six per cent?" He also noticed in client feedback that the biggest complaint were those high commissions. His frustration over commissions was heightened by the often-bureaucratic operation of a typical real estate office.

"When I worked at CB (Coldwell Banker), every Monday we would have meetings where everyone discussed their listings, then we would tour the listings, then we had to have a legal update once a week. . ." as well as additional paperwork, which were "formalities" and usually "redundant." Not only is the Internet transaction healthy for a client's pocketbook, it helps in terms of the level of service they receive, too. Mendell notes that, since Homefox.com has streamlined real estate transactions, his agents can close more sales than a traditional agent can, thus increasing each agent's knowledge base. Comparing his Web site to his former employer, he says:

"CB averaged about nine closed transactions per agent last year. Compare that to Homefox.com, where our typical agent closed about 40 transactions." But the brave new world he pictures, where your real estate agent works in pajamas and drives a clunker, might take some time for the rest of the country to accept. While activity in California is brisk, Mendell admits that for his brokers in the rest of the United States, real estate transactions over the Internet are not as popular, with perhaps one out of 10 transactions taking place electronically. Of the other 49 states, Delaware, Colorado, and Texas are the three states where much of the Internet activity occurs.

Grappling with 50 sets of laws governing real estate transactions slows down things a bit, too, but Mendell says they do their best to work around any legal pitfalls.

Noting one example: "We rebate money if our client, a buyer, finds their own house. Some states don't allow that, so we might have to send the rebate to an office in another state. We work through the problems on a case by case basis, and make sure we do nothing illegal."

Although Mendell takes the laws in all 50 states seriously, a bigger issue for Homefox.com might be the reaction of traditional real estate brokers. "We charge our clients an av-



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GLENN MENDELL ESTIMATES that he conducts 75 percent of his sales through his Web site, Homefox.com

erage of 3.5 percent commission, total, vs. the traditional real estate commission of 6 percent of the total." That cost savings, and the approach of a more efficient real estate market, is a serious threat to the traditional real estate agent. Mendell claims that some of his clients have been pressured by traditional real estate agents not to use Homefox.com. "Usually, this comes up when our client is the seller," he says, "and an agent will threaten not to show their listing because they are with us."

When his sellers call him with this news, he tells them that the agent really isn't representing his buyer's best interests — and it is the type of behavior the Department of Real Estate would definitely want to know about.

"Eventually, they do show it," he adds. Perhaps his company's only other obstacle is one common to dot-coms in the current Internet glut: Letting people know they exist. He estimates that perhaps one in 20 home

buyers and sellers know of Homefox.com.

"In a way, eHome and zipRealty help, because they are helping us educate the public that this option is out there." Once a potential client knows about Homefox, however, many use them to buy or sell a home. "Clients often interview several brokers, and if we are interviewed, we get their business over 50 percent of the time."

In Part 2 of our series on Internet Real Estate, we talk with a local real estate broker about the changes in the industry due to the Internet.

The pros and cons of buying a fixer-upper?

Buying a home that needs a lot of work is not a good idea for some buyers. They're either too busy or lack the expertise to turn a fixer-upper into a desirable property. For buyers who have the where-with-all, a fixer can present an incredible opportunity. But the project must be carefully planned to minimize risk.

Buying a fixer is not recommended for the naive. Fixing up homes may seem on the surface a fun and profitable endeavor: Just buy a rundown property at a cheap price, slap on a coat of paint, tidy the place up and resell it a few months later for a huge profit. In the real world, fix-up projects are rarely this easy.

In order to increase your chances of success, you need to buy the right property at the right price. This requires an intimate knowledge of home prices in the area, as well as a good command of local buyer preferences. To make a fixer project profitable, you need to purchase the property at a low enough price to allow you to pay for the improvements that will turn the property into one that is in high demand.

The ultimate selling price of the finished project needs to be in line with the selling price of comparable properties in the neighborhood. If you pay too much for the property, or pay too much for improvements, you risk over-improving for the neighborhood. Buyers will pay market price for a desirable home they can move right into, but they won't pay more than market value. Many fix-up projects have gone in the red because the developer miscalculated the ultimate worth of the property in its fixed-up condition.

Another risk is poor timing. Let's say you find a fixer in a good neighborhood. The market has been strong for a few years and prices are climbing. You perceive an opportunity to

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By Dian Hymer

buy at a price that's discounted because of the property's poor condition. You plan to fix up the property while the market continues to rise. By the time sell, you'll have earned a tidy sum in appreciation.

The plan is great unless the market turns before you finish the renovations and you're stuck with a property that can't be sold at a price that nets you a profit. This happened to developers at the end of the 1980s. So be cautious about relying on anticipated appreciation to create the profit margin you need to make the project worthwhile. A relatively risk-free fixer-upper project is one that you buy for yourself to live in.

With this sort of project, you aren't under pressure to finish the project quickly to resell at a profit. You can complete the renovations over time and sell at some time in the future when you're sure to realize a profit. Even so, you need to be careful about over-improving for the neighborhood, although there's less risk than there is with a property that you plan to resell immediately.

Regardless of whether you're buying a fixer as a speculative venture, or for your own use, you should make sure to have the property thoroughly inspected by qualified professionals. Don't rely on yourself to inspect, even if you have expertise in the building field. If you miss a serious defect, which is more likely to happen if you're emotionally involved with the property, your profit could be seriously diminished.

Dian Hymer is a top-producing broker associate with Coldwell Banker in the Montclair/Piedmont office and author of "Starting Out, The Complete Home Buyer's Guide." Available in book stores or from Chronicle Books: (800) 722-6657

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The office is offering a unique opportunity to get to know Oakland's history and to help others learn more about Oakland. A three-Saturday guide-training workshop will begin tomorrow from 9 a.m. to noon at Oakland's City Hall, Hearing Room Number 3. Anyone interested in helping share Oakland's unique heritage and historic landmarks with others is invited to attend. Call 510-238-3234 to reserve a space.

Sports Challenge 2000

On Thursday, Sept. 28, local Realtors and Affiliates, joined by a long list of "Community Partner" sponsors will be holding their annual fund-raiser benefiting Special Olympics. Sports Challenge 2000 is a fun filled day comprised of numerous events, offering something for just about everyone. Whether you are an avid golfer, competitive tennis buff or committed couch potato, there is an event for you! Participants can choose from:

- Golf Event — shotgun start at Chuck Corica Golf Complex
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- Raffle — with numerous trips and other great prizes

Hosted annually by the Alameda Association of Realtors, the event is in its 18th year and is expected to be one of the best ever. This year the Realtors have broadened the event's base and invited the entire community to participate, both by attending and through a new category of sponsor — "Community Partner."

The category was created for each major event, as a special recognition for those (other than Realtors or Affiliates) who sign on to sponsor the individual events. The community has responded wonderfully. Local firms have signed up to play golf, donate raffle prizes, sponsor a golf tee or tennis court and made other significant donations. All to help out local Special Olympics Athletes and their families.

The committee efforts are expected to exceed 1999 in total dollars raised. There is still plenty of room for more participants in all events and of course individual sponsors are still needed.

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"The Blitz build and the dedication of our sales associates and staff epitomizes Coldwell Banker's commitment to bringing the dream of home ownership to fruition for families throughout Northern California," said Avram Goldman, Coldwell Banker president and chief operating officer. "It is an honor to stand before the home that the Coldwell Banker team built with such dedication and pride."

"I was impressed and heartened at how many Coldwell Banker sales associates and employees came out to the build," said John Shanley, Mt. Diablo Habitat for Humanity executive director. "They had a very strong showing and their dedication to our organization was quite evident." Sales associates, managers and staff from Coldwell Banker's Berkeley, Castro Valley, Danville, Fremont, Oakland, Orinda, Pleasanton, Saratoga and Walnut Creek offices volunteered for the build throughout the week. Habitat for Humanity is Coldwell Banker's corporate wide charity. Through a concerted grassroots effort in 1999, the organization raised over \$65,000 to benefit two Bay Area Habitat for Humanity chapters, including Mt. Diablo and San Jose-based Silicon Valley Habitat for Humanity.

The Mt. Diablo chapter received \$50,000, which covered all of the costs associated with one home build. The Silicon Valley chapter received \$15,825.50, which will go to-

wards a home sponsorship of a Campbell home later this year. "I was extremely happy to be part of the Habitat for Humanity build," said Ruby Ng, a sales associate in Coldwell Banker's Oakland office. "I wish there were more programs like this that provided affordable and decent shelter for families throughout Northern California."

Coldwell Banker's 2000 Habitat for Humanity fundraising goal is \$300,000. The organization intends to raise money through community

wards companies and sales associates alike for their charitable efforts.

Founded in 1976, Habitat for Humanity has affiliates in every state and in 63 other countries around the world, and has built more than 80,000 houses worldwide. Habitat for Humanity expects to build its 100,000th home in September 2000.

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and his own iron will. When in 1949, when it was still common to find merchant builders with architects, Eichler be-
crossed with building com-
of homes characterized by

both flair and affordability.

Aligning himself with a stable of progressive, empathic architects — first the San Francisco firm of Anshen & Allen, then Jones & Emmons, later Claude Oakland — Eichler realized his dream, styled with imagination.

As regional architecture designed for the Bay Area's benign climate, their house designs befuddled the

traditional masses — emphasizing boldness, change, and optimism through indoor-outdoor living, walls of glass, atriums, and radiant-heat floors. Joseph Eichler passed away in 1974 at age 73.

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A view instead of a chimney

THIS FAMILY ROOM IS LIGHT AND BRIGHT, thanks to technology. What's missing from this picture? The answer is the chimney. Today's technology allows gas fireplaces to directly vent fumes out the side of a wall, rather than requiring a chimney flue to direct fumes straight up and out above the roof. The result is the freedom to put windows above fireplaces, not just beside them. This not only allows more light in the room, but also creates dramatic design focal points, as this arched transom window illustrates. Some designers also are using the newly available space above the direct-venting gas fireplaces to put in cabinets for television sets — thus, the television and fireplace can be enjoyed simultaneously. See more trends in new home design on the Web site at www.homestyles.com.

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HOUSE PAINTING

Want to create a really big painting? How about working out your creative energies on your own house? It's a good idea, especially if you live in a historic area, where neighborhood associations often offer prizes for the most imaginative exterior paint scheme.

Don't have a clue how to start? One good place is with a new book, "The Art of Exterior Painting: A Step-by-Step Guide to Choosing Colors and Painting Your Home," by Leslie Harrington and James Martin for Benjamin Moore Paints (IDG, \$19.95).

EVERYBODY IN THE POOL

When it comes to maintaining a swimming pool, some people find themselves in over their heads. Poolcenter.com can be a lifeline.

The site — www.poolcenter.com — contains extensive information on pools, including such issues as safety, water balancing, cleaning, algae prevention and opening and closing pools at the beginning and end of the season. It also has forums monitored by technicians who can answer your questions if your fellow pool owners can't.

The Poolcenter.com store sells equipment, including filters, pumps, heaters, cleaners, alarms

and pool covers. There's no membership involved, so anyone can test the waters.

ANOTHER LOOK AT AWESOME AUSTERITY

Minimalist architect John Pawson provides a different kind of trip via his new monograph, "John Pawson Works" (Phaidon, \$59.95). The book explores his famously austere designs for Calvin Klein's clothing store, a gallery, an airport lounge, an unfinished modernist house in the Hamptons for Martha Stewart and his own ethereal dwelling in London's Notting Hill.

That's where, behind a 19th-century classical facade preserved by law, Pawson has swept history away — along with most evidence of human habitation. Flawless creamy walls appear to float above natural stone floors. Soft light emanates from unseen sources. There are no patterns, no pictures, little furniture. The sense of timeless calm is reminiscent of a monastery — which, incidentally, Pawson is designing as well.

Fans will remember from his earlier manifesto, "Minimum," that Pawson's search for simplicity includes insistence on a fork with three tines (yours probably has four). This time, Deyan Sudjic, architecture critic for the Observer in London, seeks to explain the mystique. He begins by recalling how Pawson originally was perceived "as some sort of lapsed Zen Buddhist monk, an old Etonian who had fled to Japan and fallen under the spell of Shiro Kuramata, de-

signer of the most beautiful restaurant in the world."

Pawson has a simpler explanation: His work is about "the very best finishes and the very best spaces; that is luxury. That's what I'm offering." He added, "It's very difficult. When you make one wrong choice of material, you blow the whole thing." Pawson's four-level town house is home to the designer, his wife and two growing sons. The book explains how, beyond the art drive for Zen through building materials, Pawson wrestled with life issues: Could he make a dark basement welcoming enough to become the kitchen and family room? Could he provide adequate storage without making rooms cramped? With rooms stacked one another, should children step past their parents on their way up stairs to bed, or vice versa?

Realists may shiver at stone floors in chilly London. But natural light cascades down the stairs. A rooftop skylight over the children's shower reveals charming chimney pots. A sparsely furnished living room is as serene as a Japanese tea house.

The secret ingredient is floor-to-ceiling cupboards in which the flotsam of family life, including television, can be stashed. And there are times when Pawson is relent. A rare photograph published earlier this summer in House Beautiful magazine revealed a child's room with colorful toys massed in plain view on a bedside table.

— Times Wire Staff

Reception at historic Temescal home

The Cattolica family home at 4144 Webster St. in Oakland, built in 1926, is currently on the market. A public reception will be held from 6 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 20.

The food and music presented by Ron Kriss of Lawton Associates, will reflect the Italian heritage of Cosimo and Maria Cattolica.

The house itself has been staged in a grand way that would rival the 1920s. This five-bedroom, two-bath home, with gumwood detailing, unseen in today's homes, should not be missed.

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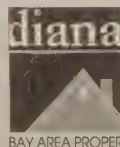
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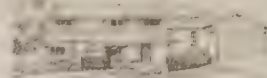
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Drippy faucet? Things could really be a whole lot worse

Fixing a leaking faucet isn't as painful as you might think. In fact, it's among the most user-friendly do-it-yourself maintenance tasks.

For most of us, when we need water, we simply turn on a faucet at one of several locations in or around our homes. It wasn't always that way.

Previous generations had to gather urns of water from a nearby river or pump it from a community well. What's more, when hot water was needed, it had to be heated over an open fire.

But indoor sanitation — running water and waste disposal — came about for reasons of health, and not primarily for convenience. It was because of poor household sanitation in 1348 that the first wave of the Black Plague entered England. One-third of the population was wiped out, as rats and fleas thrived in the filth and garbage.

The need for fresh water, however, did not emerge from the Dark Ages. It was more than 4,000 years earlier that the ancient Egyptians invented a system for generating

pure water through underground wells. Before the advent of wells, the primary source of water was rivers. Water was stored in large pottery jars, hand-carried from the river by household slaves.

In early 19th-century England, water was drawn from pumps stationed in streets throughout the city; the water was rationed, and served hundreds of people.

Now don't you feel fortunate to be merely making a faucet repair?

Troubles today

Not all faucets are created equal. Aside from the fact that they come in a variety of shapes, sizes and finishes, there are different valve styles that are used to turn the faucet on and off and control the flow of water. Two-handle and single-lever faucets have different valve styles.

Two-handle faucets usually have compression valves. As you turn the handle, a rubber (neoprene) washer is forced against a metal seal to stop the flow of water.

Before you repair a faucet, turn off the hot water and cold water valves under the sink, if installed, or the main water supply shutoff valve.

Two-handle faucets can leak in three different places.

■ **Internally at the valve seat:** You'll see water dripping from the spout. This means the rubber washer is worn or damaged. To replace the washer, remove the decorative cap from the handle. Remove the retaining screw and pull off the handle. Remove the decorative cover, called an escutcheon, if there is one. Unscrew the packing nut counterclockwise. Unscrew the valve stem and re-



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move it. Remove the screw that holds the rubber washer in place.

Because these washers come in many shapes and sizes, you'll want to take the old one to the hardware store and buy an exact replacement. Be sure to buy two washers, so you'll have one for the other valve. Replace the washer and reassemble the faucet.

■ **Around the handle:** If you see water coming from below the handle, the packing nut is leaking. Older faucets have a stringlike graphite packing material wrapped around the stem.

Newer faucets use an O-ring. First try tightening the packing nut clockwise — about one-half turn. If this doesn't stop the leak, remove the packing nut and replace the packing or O-ring; then reassemble the faucet.

If the valve uses the graphite packing material, you might want to shop for a new faucet.

■ **Between a pivoting spout and the body:** The spout might be held in place with a packing nut, similar to the faucet stem, or it might have a nut at the top of the spout. In either case, remove the spout and replace the packing material or the O-ring seal. Then reassemble the faucet.

Single-lever faucets

Single-lever faucets, also known as "washerless" faucets, are easier to repair once you determine what type of faucet you have.

There are three types of washerless faucets: ball, ceramic disk and cartridge. Leaks are evident in two places — dripping from the spout and seeping from around the spout where it joins the body of the faucet.

Leaks from the spout indicate that the ball, disk or cartridge is leaking. To repair, turn off the water to the faucet, then remove the handle.

The handles on ball-type faucets are held in place with a setscrew that requires an Allen wrench to loosen.

Ceramic disk- and cartridge-type handles are usually held in place by a screw hidden beneath a cap.

On ball- and ceramic disk-type faucets, remove the ball or disk and replace the seals. You can buy replacement kits for these faucets at the hardware store or home center.

On cartridge-type faucets, remove

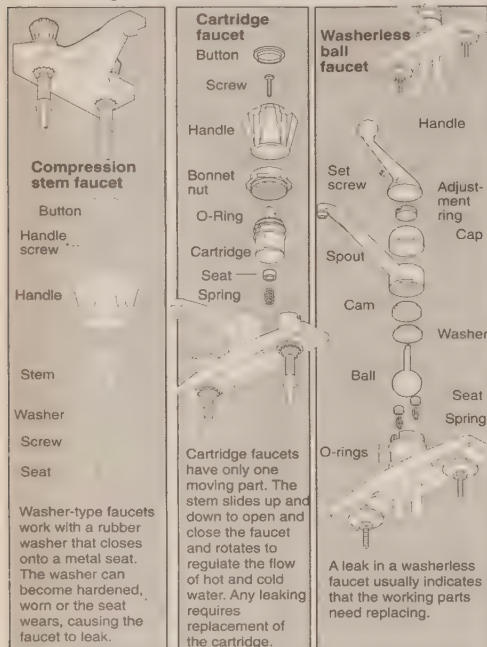
the spout and pull out the retaining clip that holds the cartridge in place. To remove the cartridge, pull on the cartridge stem with a twisting motion. If it resists, install the handle so you can get a better grip on the cartridge to pull it out.

Take the cartridge to your local hardware store or home center and purchase an exact replacement kit. Reassemble the faucet according to directions.

Leaks at the spout-to-body joint indicate an O-ring failure. Disassemble the faucet as described above.

Remove the spout sleeve and replace the O-rings. It's a good idea to replace these seals if you have the faucet disassembled for any of the ball, disk or cartridge

Anatomy of a faucet



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and wanted a bargain. He
house he could work on
worth more — fast. He
and his wife and kids
move in, he could do some
modeling, and make some

seemed his best
at least that's what a friend
Richard, so Richard ac-
and a list of such properties from
source and now he was
working through the list.
was very little time: Ten days

Richard's old house had already
and he and his family needed

they were on the moving com-
schedule but they didn't know
where their belongings should be
Richard was having money

his original idea had been to sell
family house, then rent and think
the next move to something
expensive.

he had looked at lots of rentals
with two kids, two cars and a
piano, renting was going to

Richard explained, he'd been
lately that it just didn't make
to pound any rent money
a rat hole.

He had been inside only one house
on the foreclosure list so far he told
us, and he was excited about it.

"Wonderful neighborhood," he de-
clared, "And it's cheap! I can finish
the work and make money on this
one."

Anet and I went to see and got
there in the rain. We parked on the
shoulder of the road and bent our
heads back to see the house high
above us at the top of a steep slope.

There was no driveway. The only
way to get inside the house was to
climb the several flights of stairs to
the front door which meant, of
course, that everything going to or
coming from the house had to get
there by way of these steps.

We began to climb, the rain drip-
ping on us.

Along the sides of the stairs,
someone had laid dozens of plywood
sheets and posts over the bare dirt
on the lot. We mused about how
much longer the bare dirt would stay
put.

The house wasn't locked; we
walked inside. The roof was leaking
dribbles here and there wetting the
plywood subfloors. In some spots
holes had been cut through the ply-
wood allowing us to peer into the
crawl space.

Wiring was stubbed in but un-
connected. The bathrooms had walls
but were otherwise empty.

The kitchen cabinets were top-

If this family could
somehow live in the
house while they
worked on it, could
they then sell the
house and make a
profit?

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less, without sink, faucets or coun-
ters, but an old refrigerator stood in
the dining area. The floor plan was
screwy.

It appeared that someone had al-
ready gone broke on this project,
had torn out a lot of the house but
hadn't put much back together
again.

Whoever it was hadn't improved
the original layout, nor apparently
had he purchased the necessary ma-
terials to make the house whole. Or
whatever he'd bought he'd returned
to the store when he went bust.

We stood there looking around,
watching the rain drip in, and we
wondered how a family of four, peo-
ple used to a certain amount of lux-
ury, could camp there beginning in
ten days.

There wasn't even any working
plumbing or electricity. What made
Richard think that this might work?

Had his wife seen this house? In fact,
Richard's wife hadn't seen it. It was,
we learned sometime later, going to
be Richard's surprise to her.

We drove back to the office shak-
ing our heads, then settled down to
figure how good the deal was.

The house was cheap, the cheap-
est in the area. How much would it
cost to make it a real house? What
would it be worth then?

If this family could somehow live
in the house while they worked on
it, could they then sell the house and
make a profit? Or stay and borrow
against it?

We looked at sales in the area and
roughly estimated what it would cost
to finish the house.

We discussed the major flaws in
construction and site: No off-street
parking, steep slope, many stairs,

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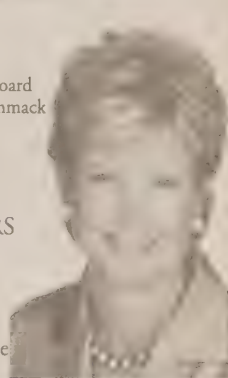
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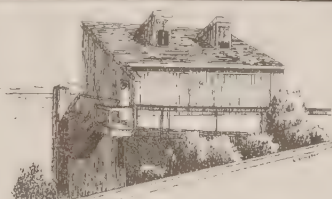


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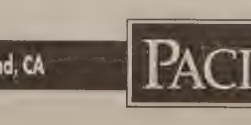
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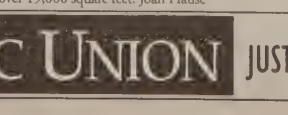
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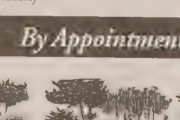
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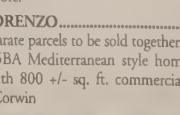
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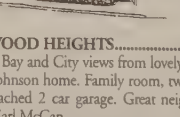
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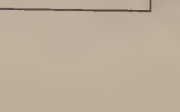
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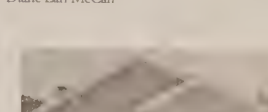
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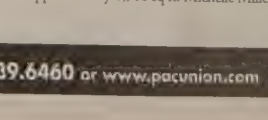
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little or no architectural interest or quality.

What we were doing is not an exact science; it's guesswork. But there was enough evidence to easily convince us that there simply wasn't "enough room" in the deal.

We got together with Richard who, with some animation, described the kind of granite counters he'd like to put in the kitchen. He said he had a great idea for refacing the fireplace. He was having fun.

No, he hadn't noticed the plywood barriers retaining the dirt on the front slope.

Did we think that might be a problem? He knew he could put his touches on this house, make it look good, make it pay off.

But he was able to listen. We compared fix-up numbers. His were

higher than ours. Plowing ahead, he questioned the bottom line: How much could the house sell for when it was all done? The answer: Not enough. He was crestfallen, and we were glad that he was the one to say, "It doesn't make sense." Richard turned back to his list of bank foreclosures. He thought he had inside information but we quickly found that every house on the list was on multiple listing. Every one of the properties had been listed for several months or longer.

None was selling.

Richard and his family rented and moved on schedule. Richard is still looking for the right situation — a real deal.

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Quicker credit report corrections

Mortgage Madness



By Karen Senzig

Until recently, clearing up credit disputes from one's credit report has taken weeks, often months before the three credit repositories, Equifax, TransUnion and Experian could make the changes.

This process where you can update, clean up or have inaccurate information being reported deleted from your credit report can now be done through your mortgage broker's credit reporting service in as little as 24 to 48 hours.

This is very important when applying for the best loan products that require minimum credit scores starting in the low 700s and where borrowers may be already in contract (to purchase a home) and there is not enough time to go the old traditional method of letter writing and demanding action.

The National Association of Mortgage Bankers (NAMB) Credit Scoring Committee reported to its member brokers that higher credit scores resulted from this rapid credit dispute process and averaged about 50 points above the original scores. They have documented cases where scores improved as much as 125 points.

Most lenders require minimum scores for "A" paper loans of 620 for fully documented loans. For self-employed borrowers who require "No Income Documentation or Verification" loans, the minimum scores are usually 680 to 720. An inaccurate entry a judgment not released on a credit report could cost a borrower a decent loan.

Hard documentation such as releases (for judgments, bankruptcies and tax liens), letters acknowledging the error from a creditor on the creditor's letterhead and paid receipts are submitted to the mortgage broker's credit reporting service.

The credit reporting service verifies the information to be valid, then has its contact for the credit repository physically change the incorrect

information stored at the repository by computer submission. The mortgage broker, after confirming the changes have been made, then runs a new credit report on the borrower which will generate new, accurate credit scores.

The cost for this speedy service versus the standard, slower, free method (which has no method of confirmation when it's okay to run a new report) seems to range from \$50 to \$150 according to NAMB.

Our own credit reporting service, varies depending on the situation. If the borrower has a \$18 pre-qualification report and it is less than 30 days old, they will remove up to 10 inaccuracies for \$6 per entry. If there are more than 10, they require that we run a new full residential credit report (RMCR) for \$55 and charge an additional \$6 for every entry over 10 that they correct.

As I mentioned, it depends on the borrower's situation and the NAMB warns that individual results will vary.

However, it is still a new and improved weapon in war on Mortgage Madness.

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Housing affordability down

San Francisco once again the least affordable

LOS ANGELES (Sept. 7) - Housing affordability in California fell to 31 percent in July, down 5 percentage points from July 1999, the California Association of Realtors reported today.

Nationwide, affordability was 51 percent in July, down from 54 percent a year ago.

C.A.R.'s monthly housing affordability index measures the percentage of households that can afford to purchase a median-priced home in California. C.A.R. also reports housing affordability indexes for regions within the state.

The index is the most fundamental measure of housing well-being in the state.

At 12 percent, San Francisco was

once again the least affordable county in the state, followed by Contra Costa and San Mateo with 13 percent. In Southern California, San Diego County was the least affordable at 23 percent, followed by Orange County at 27 percent and Ventura County at 30 percent. In Los Angeles County, affordability was 36 percent.

With housing affordability at 69 percent, the High Desert remains the most affordable region in the state.

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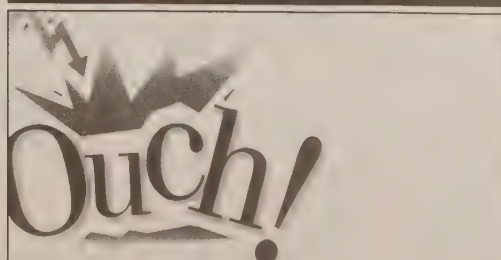
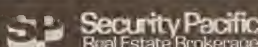
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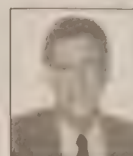
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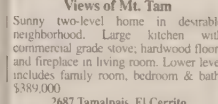
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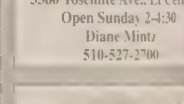
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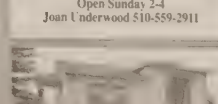
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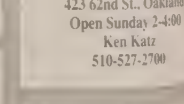
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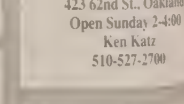
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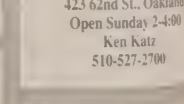


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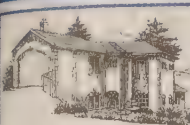
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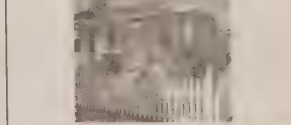
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701 Investment
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1 YEAR OLD city with big plans, 2 homes & duplex on 3/4 acre corner lot. Can be developed. \$495,000. Try recreation property trade. Stephen Cowan Realty 925-940-5992

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BAY POINT Family Park 2BD/BA, 1956, Lakewood. Asking \$17,000. 0 bgo. 925-240-6226. V. msg & p/h.

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BAY POINT Condo, end unit 888 sq. ft., 2BD/2BA, tpic, gar., lg. deck, W.D. kit, appls., nr. Bart. \$125K. Owner. 510-416-1580, 925-468-9483

DANVILLE 3BD/2+BA, tpic, A/C, clean, 1145 San Ramon Valley Blvd. \$220K. Pms. on V, call for appt. 415/923-1120

DANVILLE, FOR SALE By Owner, Immac. luxury twinn. in popular Crow Canyon Heights, gated comm., approx. 2000sf., vaulted ceilings, 3BD/3 full BA, mt. w/land, Call Ted 925/35-2714

Livermore- 1BD \$120K Gordon Agt. 925-829-5620

MARTINEZ/P.H. Open Sun 12-6 1504 Ashwood Dr 3BD \$250K, (925) 238-6629

OAKLAND Elegant Twinn 3750 39th Ave #D w/ Macarthur, open Sun, 9/17 2-4, in hot Laurel Dist. 2BD/2 BA, tpic, in-unit indrv, 1 car garage. \$212,500. Zachary Real Estate (415) 552-9500 x 112

PIÑOLE twinn, 2 story. Walk to Pinole High 2bd, 2 1/2 ba, 2 car gar, tpic, \$169,000. Soriano (415) 502-1288

WALNUT CREEK, By Owner 2bd/2ba, marble entry & tpic, gar, nr. BART Hwy, walk to Broadway Plaza \$299,950 (415) 474-2003

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708 Antioch

2BD/2BA, New int/ext. paint. New cpt. vinyl, roof, dual pane windows \$229,000. No millwork. \$10 W 9th St. Agt. Prudential CA Realty (510) 303-6699

NO MELLO ROOS Newer 3BD/2BA, high ceilings country kit, nr. schol. park. \$229,500. Agt. Ben 925-778-9988. Pgr. 510-805-7239

708 Antioch

3BD/2BA on 1/2 acre, like new, great neighborhood, \$193K. (925) 757-1029

NOT ON MLS 3BD/2+BA lots extras, No Mello Roos! \$229K By bpt 925/778-6261

\$279,999 4BD/2BA, big yard 4500sf, new int/ext, 3 car garage, 925/756-2452

710 Blackhawk

3BD/2 BA, form dm, call membership incl. \$450K 925-736-3500 Tassajara Vly RE

712A Castro Valley

COLUMBIA area 4BD/2 BA, over 2000 sq ft. \$499,950. 925-736-3500 Tassajara Vly RE

715 Concord

4BD/2BA, pool, spa, deck, lg. bkdy, walk to 12 yrs sch, shopping, 5 min. to BART. Open House Sun, 9/17 1-5, 1767 Westwood Dr. \$349K. 550-580-0618 or 726-1501

GREAT LOCATION 2BD/1+BA, End unit, tpic, patio, cent. heat/A/C. \$123K. Agt. Ben 925/778-9988 pgr 510-805-7239

A PERFECT 101 3BD/2BA, upgrades galore, pool, quiet farm, 19 yrs. old, Call Tom. 925/456-1749, 925/999-5567

OPEN SUN 1-5, 1325 Shakeridge Dr., 3303 3303 4BD/2BA Remodeled. Agt (415) 282-1700

UPDATED 3BD/1BA Open Sun, 12-4, 1780 Belmont Rd \$229,950 (925) 686-1010

715 Concord

TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE 0 Down, \$5000 move-in 3BD/2BA Agt 925-943-5112

OPEN SUN 1-3 3 Bdr/Bath 1731 Vincennes Rd \$239,950 Agt 925-323-5730

3BD/2BA updated kit/baths new cpts \$224,950. Vicki Varstrom bkr. (707) 745-3124

717 Danville

FOR SALE By Owner Immac. luxury twinn. in popular Crow Canyon Heights. Gated comm., approx. 2000sf., vaulted ceilings, 3BD/3 full BA, kit, w/land, tpic. \$459,950. Call Ted 925/735-2714

718C Dublin

GREAT VALUE! 3 bdrm, 2 ba 7048 Ebb Way, By owner \$374,500 (925) 833-0486

723A Livermore

1370 HAMPTON PL. OPEN SAT SUN 1-5 Picture Perfect 3 bd/2ba hm Extra large hillside lot, 0mm windows w/view of sparkling Quiet Kitchen in the round form, dm, \$475K. Pls. join me for your personal tour. Eagle Ridge Property, Colleen Redpath Agt. For addt. description call 925-456-9073

5657 Mt. Day Dr. 1 year new end of court & next to park. 4BD/3BA, lg. mstr w/retreat. Quiet cabs, granite, lots of oakble, 22 ac. prof landscaped. Side access 3 car \$579,950. Owner/Agent. 925-455-5132

460 Hummingbird Ln. Great 3BD/2BA, Lots of remodeling. New windows, roof, central air, pool, & dbl side access possible. \$319,950. The Clausen Group 925-734-0444

2 YEARS NEW, 3BD/2BA, 3 car gar, big house, 2 car garage. \$513K. 925/530-8872

724 Martinez

COUNTRY Hm. Ideal loc. nr. transp., lovely park. 3BD/2BA Agt 925-943-5112

3BD/2BA, 1850 SF, new roof, furnace, etc. Lg. fam rm, stove, lg. mstr bdrm, gas og tpic, deck, cpt. thruout. dual stor., new fencing under. 2 car, evergreen trees. 2 car, bd accepted. Open house 9 Sat. Sun. 9/16 & 17. Qual. only 925-229-1346

OPEN HOME
SUN. 12-5 PM

3BD/2BA, custom kitchen, inside laundry, 2 car garage, g landscaped yd, spa, good schools, nice neighborhood. 309 VIRGINIA HILLS DR. \$360,000. 925-930-8694

PRICE Reduced to \$368K 4BD/2+BA Great house. 3 car garage, pool, RV prng, both sides. Huge lot. 1102 9th St. Call Agt. Jerry 925-673-0998

725 Moraga

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This wonderful property offers so much, a picture-perfect 4 bd, ome, pool, spa, lots of room to roam, barn for horses or would make a great workshop. Private yet very close to St. Mary's Rd. Hurry! \$1,495,000. View our listing at www.cslmanirealty.com or contact Realty 925/276-5631

725C Oakland

Oakland Rose Garden 1 Bdr/Ba condo Great bldg, fr plan \$178K. 251 Jean St. #209 (510) 669-4245

725D Oakley

WILLOWS SPECIAL, A terrific 3BD, 2BA, & neighborhood front & back landscaping, beautiful maint., wds, nr school, model cond. Contact Mike Donnelly, PDI Properties 925-382-8929

725D Oakley

LARGE 4BD/2+BA, fresh paint & new cpt. Not on MLS. Call Glen 925/946-7900. Agt

727 Pacheco

3BD/2BA, clean, new paint, 655 Argenta Dr. \$250,000. Owner/Broker 925-9

729 Pittsburg

BY OWNER OPEN SUN 1-4 3BD/2BA, 1635sf, liv rm, fam rm, form dm, cent air/heat. RV prng. \$226,000. Call Phil 925/169-4557, or cell (510) 928-4527

BAY HARBOR PARK 2 STORY 3BD/2 ba 2 car gar, A/C, marina view, 1780 St. 925/606-2511

730 Pleasant Hill

JUST LISTED Immac. 4BD w/gorgeous pool, desirabe loc. 1429 E. Forest St. \$486,500. Karen Gon Exclusive 925-209-3798

SELLER Motivated! Remodeled 3bd/2ba, central air, new appliances, gar. \$309,950. Mark Agt. 925-977-4639 ext 221

3BD/2BA, A/C, non-smoking, no pets, schs, park/bike trailway, 1 car, gardener incl. avail. \$2300 + dep (925) 938-8019

3BD/2BA, bonus rm + car gar. On Gregory, \$299,500. Bkr. 510-866-5437

730A Pleasanton

3BA, 2BA, 1400 sq. ft. Beautiful landscape yds, spa, hardwood flrs., A/C, dual pane windows, Open House Sun 12-3 4073 Silver St. NO Agts (925) 426-0173

OPEN SAT SUN 1-5, 2745 Lauren Ct. 2 yrs new wght loc, near pool, park & Mohi Elem 2-story, 3 lg bdrms, 1733sf 4bd/2ba, huge bonus rm By Owner, \$665K, co-op. Open Sun 12-4, 2875 Ascot Dr. (925) 829-4852

730B Pleasanton

POOLSIDE LIVING Unbelievable 4 bdrm, 2 ba beamed ceiling, hardwood floors, fam rm, \$280K in Tara Hills. Windsor RE (510) 724-7537

738 San Ramon

INVERNESS PARK Shadel Windsor mode 3733sf 4bd/2ba, huge bonus rm By Owner, \$665K, co-op. Open Sun 12-4, 2875 Ascot Dr. (925) 829-4852

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732 Richmond

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734 Vacaville

EXCEPTIONAL 3BD/2BA fam rm, pking n/g Moore, Agt

744A Vallejo

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745 Walnut Creek

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775 Real Estate

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Lovers, Kurlow, 2800 Key-
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3410 MONTECALA DRIVE

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Small furniture, electronics,
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60 Yrs. of hshd. items
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Furniture, bedroom set, baby
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5161 HOMESTEAD

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1618 HIGHLAND WAY
(off San Jose Ave.)
Patio set, Barbie jeep, teak
couch, 2800, 2800, 2800, 2800,
Play, bikes, toys, stroller,
furniture
3410 MONTECALA DRIVE

Clayton
ESTATE SALE
SAT, 9-5
Collectibles, China, Crystal,
furn., furn., linens
1730 Kirker Pass Rd.

**FURNITURE SALE: 2 dining
tables, 4 dining chairs, teak
couch, 2800, 2800, 2800, 2800,
Play, bikes, toys, stroller,
furniture
3410 MONTECALA DRIVE**

26 MT. WILSON WAY
SAT. 8-7
New Jacuzzi bathtub, New
pillows, tools & toys

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UN-PACK SALE**
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hold items
SATURDAY 9/16-9-4
4500 W. 10th St.

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SAT, 9/16, 9-3
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throughout the state. The Consumers Union and the California Association of Realtors co-sponsored the legislation.

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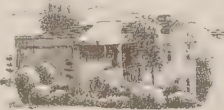
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Section C

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Gauchos stymied in opener

Gatewood tosses one TB, runs for another in loss

By Mike McGreehan

STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — Skyline High School's football opener at El Cerrito High last Friday wasn't exactly a thing of beauty. But the Titans still managed to get the job done, winning 39-14 over the rebuilding Gauchos.

Prep football

Skyline 39
El Cerrito 24

The Gauchos host St. Mary's (1-0) tonight at 7:30 p.m.

In a way, it boiled down to Skyline taking advantage of some poor tackling and leaky defense on the part of El Cerrito. As a team, the Titans rushed for 318 yards with scoring runs of 81 and 96 yards. Skyline also scored on passes of 27 and 29 yards.

But Skyline's performance wasn't pristine. The Titans, who came in ranked second in the East Bay to DeLaSalle, also gave up one big play and had three unsportsmanlike conduct penalties called against them.

"It was a win and we did some nice things," Skyline coach John Beam said. "We had too many unsportsmanlike penalties."

For El Cerrito, which came in seeded sixth in the East Bay, the game was a rough way to start the season. Limited to 215 total yards of offense, the Gauchos got a solid game from quarterback Ricky Gatewood, who completed seven passes for 139 yards and one touchdown. The senior also rushed for one touchdown.

But in the end, breakdowns, especially on defense, allowed the Titans to roll.

"Defensively, we didn't tackle too well and gave up too many long scores," Gauchos coach Frank Milo said. "We fumbled early and gave up field position. (The Titans) are a good football team. They're quick. They took advantage of



NEIL VAN DER PLAS/STAFF

RICKY GATEWOOD ran for a touchdown against Skyline last Friday, but the Titans ran away with the game, winning 39-24.

us defensively."

Skyline marched down the field after taking the opening kickoff. When the 72-yard drive finally stalled at the El Cerrito 10, the Titans had Rufus Skillern attempt a 27-yard field goal. Skillern's attempt when wide, but the setback was only temporary for the Titans.

Two plays later, the Gauchos fumbled the ball back to Skyline and the Titans needed just one play to score. Jamaal Al-Ghani dumped a short pass over the mid-

dle to Louis Williams, who did the rest. Williams weaved his way through El Cerrito's defense and dove into the left side of the end zone for the game's first score with 2:54 remaining in the first quarter. Skillern booted the extra point and Skyline led 7-0.

The Titans would be heard from again before the quarter ended. With less than 30 seconds to go, the Titans took possession on their own 19 after a punt. Terry Johnson quickly made good on the

first of his two carries on the night by breaking off an 81-yard touchdown run on first down. Skillern's kick made it 14-0 Skyline.

Skyline broke off another big run with 8:48 to go in the second quarter. This time it was Chris James finding open space for a 96-yard scoring jaunt and a 20-0 lead.

Just 20 seconds later, however, James'

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Panthers air attack no passing fancy

By Scott Strain

STAFF WRITER

The St. Mary's football will provide El Cerrito with a couple of unique problems when the two teams meet tonight at 7:30 at El Cerrito High.

One is a 270-pound running back who scores touchdowns, the other is (horrors!) a passing game.

The Panthers (1-0) and Gauchos (0-1) know each other quite well and have taken turns knocking each other off the pestle the past couple of years when both were members of the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League.

That is not the case now. The teams are in different leagues — El Cerrito is in the ACCAL and St. Mary's is a member of the new Bay Shore Athletic league — but the rivalry still burns. This is a non-league contest that still has meaning.

"That was something to give (El Cerrito coach Frank) Milo to think about," said coach Dan Shaughnessy said after Lorenzo Alexander, the Panthers' All-American tackle, rumbled 22 yards for a touchdown in the 54-0 victory over Oakland last Saturday in Berkeley. "It was just a little tweak."

Milo and his troops won't be smiling into this game, having been plowed 39-14 by a strong Skyline team in their home opener last Friday night. It was the marquee game among local teams until the Titans, the Contra Costa Newspapers'

Prep football

St. Mary's 54
Oakland 0

Quarterback Jason Washington, who transferred in from Berkeley, has helped bring a passing attack to St. Mary's.

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Ol' Dragons wear down young 'Jackets

NCS champion O'Dowd stops Berkeley in three

By Dean Rosener

CORRESPONDENT

BERKELEY — Still champions, until further notice.

East Bay volleyball fans wondered, could promising Berkeley, with its wondrous 6-foot-5 junior, Desiree Guilliard-Young, upset the wily, defending North Coast champion, Bishop O'Dowd Dragons?

No. Not yet, anyway. The Yellowjackets cannot slay the mighty Dragons. In a classic confrontation of youth versus experience, battle-tested O'Dowd became increasingly dominant, winning 15-10, 15-8, 15-4 at Berkeley on Tuesday.

The Yellowjackets play two freshmen and two sophomores in their top eight. In contrast, O'Dowd's six starters are all seniors and juniors.

The small but savvy Dragons — no one is over 5-foot-9 — were led by the fisted fire of junior Nikki Esposito. Confident she would be set up for smashes, Esposito often took two steps to the net before the setter's pass had even been launched.

Yet she is so humble off the court that coach Lisa Newman has to prod her to talk.

"Nikki is always so modest," said Newman.

"Well, my serves weren't very good," said Esposito.

Her explosive counterpart on Berkeley, Guilliard-Young, did not see the ball enough. Coach Justin Caraway attributes it to youth.

"Fans will ask, where was Desiree?" Caraway said. "But it's really a case of, where is the first pass to our sophomore

setter, Danielle Larue? Our young players need to get the ball to Danielle so she can set up Desiree."

Powering O'Dowd in game one were its pair of compact, junior outside hitters, 5-foot-6 Allyn Evans and the 5-foot-9 Esposito. They built a 13-3 lead en route to the 15-10 win.

Another young Yellowjacket, sophomore Vanessa "The Momentum Stopper" Williams, partly doused the Dragon fire early in the second game. Blocking and passing, dumping and pumping, she helped hold O'Dowd's margin to 10-6.

Enter Esposito. Slam, 11-6. Bam, 12-6. Serve, 13-6.

But she was not alone. An ace by the Dragons' master server and setter, junior Marisa Viera, brought O'Dowd to the brink, 14-8. A block by yet another cagey vet, senior Julie Promes, clinched it.

The Evans-and-Esposito show returned in game three. Evans ached to 4-1. Esposito dumped to 6-1. Then the pair combined beautifully to bring it to 8-1 after several sideouts. First, Evans fired an impeccable line-drive serve about one inch above the net. A weak Berkeley return was pounded home by the ever-opportunistic Esposito.

Stylishly, implausibly, Viera ended it, 15-4, with no less than three straight aces. The veteran's hesitation, open-handed curveballs, baffled Berkeley's youth brigade.

"We played our own game," Newman said. "We're confident, solid. We don't make special adjustments to anyone, even Desiree."

Next year, Guilliard-Young will sort out scholarship offers from dozens of colleges.

"There are two things I'll be looking for," she said. "An architecture major and a volleyball tradition. But right now, I'm



NEIL VAN DER PLAS/STAFF

BERKELEY SENT A HIT through the raised arms of O'Dowd's Julie Promes (# 9) and Vanessa Vella, but O'Dowd walked off the match, winning 3-0 in Berkeley Sept. 12.

more worried about our team this season."

Caraway is concerned, too. "We have just as much talent as O'-

Dowd," he said, "but they dominated us with their experience."

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Albany not hanging head after opening loss

By Bill Kruissink

SPORTS EDITOR

For a while, David went toe-to-toe against Goliath.

That Goliath held on to win should not discourage David.

The Division III Encinal Jets stopped the Division IV Albany Cougars 34-20 in Alameda last Friday.

But the game was tied 6-6 early in the second quarter and Encinal found itself leading by just six at the half, 12-6.

Obviously, the Cougars were up for a Big School challenge — and this after losing guys like star players such as Jon Ball and Billy Bennett to graduation.

"We lost our main heart from last year," Cougars coach Anthony Freeman said. "But I felt they did pretty good. (Encinal's) a big school and we're a small school and we played them pretty well."

The Jets (1-0) scored in the first quarter on back-to-back 35-plus yard runs by Ikaika Thomas (102 yards) and Tyree Jackson (119 yards). But Albany countered with a 12-play drive that ended with quarterback Yao Yaidom (5-for-13, 92 yards) tossing a 27-yard touchdown pass to Karl Moore (two catches for 39 yards) less than two minutes into the second quarter.

Unfortunately, the Jets immediately came back with a big play, Jackson rushing 65 yards for six points and a 12-6 lead just 11 seconds after Albany had scored.

Prep football

Encinal 34
Albany 20

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A look back at the upcoming Oakland City Golf Championship

The Oakland City Golf Championship is a tournament with a very long and proud history, one of the oldest championships in California. How old, no one can be quite certain. The trophy lists Bob Jackson as the first champion, in 1923. But this is a new trophy, with incomplete entries. My hunch is it dates back further.

Over the past year, I have had the good fortune to research the history of the Northern California Golf Association Championship for the NCGA Magazine. While dusting off newspaper and magazine archives back to 1902, I found the Oakland City Championship mentioned prominently. For instance, D.P. Fredericks of Claremont Country Club won the NCGA Championship in 1910, and there was mention of him coming off a win in the Oakland City Championship.

It could well be. Claremont, an Oakland Club, had the most prominent golfers of its time as members. Golfers like Long Jim Barnes, Willie Anderson and Horace Rawlings worked in the pro shop. Not to mention the three brothers — Alex, Willie and MacDonald Smith, all sons of James "Pops" Smith, Claremont's first head pro. Those six golfers won most of the U.S. Open Championships in their time.

Unfortunately, records of the Oakland City Championship have been lost. There are no names on the present trophy from 1924 to 1931. But the 1933 champion, Stuart Hawley, stands out to this golf history buff.

Stuart Hawley was a Claremont golfer who won the NCGA Championship and the State Amateur in 1934. Hawley, who had also won the Southwestern Amateur in Phoenix three years in a row, was killed in action in 1945 on the U.S.S. Tennessee during World War II. In 1947 Hawley received the ultimate NCGA legacy — a new trophy for the NCGA Championship was purchased by his Oakland friends at Claremont GC and presented to the NCGA in Hawley's name, the Stuart Hawley perpetual trophy. That trophy lives today.

Hawley won the Oakland City again in 1940, three years before one of the most famous — or infamous — of Oakland golfers made his mark. Ralph Hall began playing golf at the old Oak Knoll golf course in Oakland in 1937 when he was 25 years old. The course was sold the next year, so Hall went up to Tilden Park and Lake Chabot to hone his game.

Hall won the Oakland City Championship in 1943, and successfully defended in 1944. He won again in 1950 and 1951. His legacy is three straight NCGA titles, 1944-46. A decade later, the Oakland police officer met an untimely death.

"The story I heard was that he was fishing by the Bay Bridge with a friend and the boat started to drift away," said Aldo Galletti, who played golf regularly with Hall. "He dove into the water to get the boat and drowned in the cold water."

To this day there are those who mumble that Hall's death was no accident, that he could not have drowned in two feet of water.

"He was the kind of guy some guys just didn't get to understand," said Galletti, now retired in Roseville. "He was really pugnacious and very competitive. But if you needed five dollars he would give it to you. People just didn't get to know him."

When I played on the Cal golf team, there was an alum named Bob Bell who claimed he had Ralph Hall's putter. He showed it to me once, a Wilson blade. I had no idea who Ralph Hall was, but his name



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lived, so no doubt he was a money putter. I have been fortunate to learn something of his legend. Often Hall would make bets on crucial putts with his match-play opponents, in championship play. It was his way.

A sure bet to be the most famous golfer to win the Oakland City is Tony Lema (1953). Lema went on to win the British Open in a shootout with Jack Nicklaus at St. Andrews in 1964. He took the claret jug to Lake Chabot, the course he snuck on as a kid, for display.

"All the time the trophy was there Dick Fry was proud yet very apprehensive to have such an historic trophy on display," said Richard Flynn of Oakland, who remembers.

The father figure of the Oakland City is a man named Henry Suico. I remember the times we were paired in the championship — he was a dear old man, compassionate, complaining and very tough to beat even in the late 1970s. Back then I did not know that Suico first won the championship in 1945. He won again in 1947. And again in 1970. That is a span of 25 years. He was competitive for at least 50 years, the man to beat.

Many, including Mr. Flynn, believe Tal Smith won a bunch of Oakland City titles. The legendary Smith of Alameda, who won seven Alameda Commuters titles, the NCGA crown, the State Amateur and the Northern California Open, who later became the longtime head pro at Claremont, won the Oakland City only once, in 1946.

Bob Blomberg of Alameda won his first Oakland City title in 1968. He won again in 1972, '77, '80, '82, '87 ... and probably a few times from 1990 to 1993, years without records (I wish the Oakland Tribune would have allowed me to keep the records I had in my computer there — they were wiped out, a waste). The trophy was lost around 1995, the same year the host club, Galbraith, was lost.

Gary Vanier, the old man (48) who made a splash in the U.S. Amateur Championship at Pebble Beach last year, grew up at Lake Chabot. He won the Oakland City title in 1969 and 1985. Other notable winners include PGA Tour pro Dick Lotz in 1963, Walnut Creek head pro Bob Boldt in 1965, and Ashley Smith in 1974 and '83.

Scott Hardy of Pleasant Hill is the defending champion this weekend at Lake Chabot. The 2000 championship is something of a wake. Next year the Chabot course will be torn up and rebuilt, under the watchful eye of architect Arthur Hill.

Since Galbraith will not reopen until at least the year 2002, let's hope either Claremont CC or Sequoyah CC will be gracious enough to allow the championship on their grounds. This championship has too proud a history to let it go, even for one year.

Ron Salsig, author of *Range Rats with Roger Maltbie, and historian for the Northern California Golf Association*, can be reached by e-mail at rsalsig@pacbell.net

Jackets

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The Caraway seed to growth is simply more matches.

After Tuesday's non-league contest, Berkeley's record was 3-3, O'Dowd's 3-1. The Dragons also coasted to a JV win, 15-6, 15-7.

The theme song for O'Dowd's varsity win was from "The Music Man": "An Older and Wiser Girl."

SPORTS BRIEFS

Softball players sought

The East Bay Quakes girls fast-pitch 16-under tournament team (ASA "A") looking for dedicated athletes for the autumn and 2001 seasons. Rewarding experience and competitive play available from emphasis on positive coaching and skills development. Tryouts in September and October. Call Jake Warner at 527-1751 or Bill Hoerger at 272-9262.

Fall schedules needed

The Hills Newspapers need schedules for high school fall sports. Please fax schedules to 339-4066.

Football officials needed

The East Bay Football Officials Association is in need of officials for the high school season. No experience is needed and training and monetary compensation is provided. Those interested should contact Sam

Moriana at 521-4121.

Oakland Parks and Recreation is looking for experienced softball and basketball officials for the fall season. Contact Frederick L. Morris III at 238-3494.

Coaches needed

Piedmont High School is looking for coaches for its fall sports season. The Highlanders have coaching vacancies in junior varsity girls tennis, junior varsity girls volleyball and varsity boys water polo. Applicants should call athletic director Karyn Shipp at 594-2744.

St. Joseph-Notre Dame High School in Alameda has openings for the following coaching positions: girls head varsity volleyball, girls assistant varsity volleyball, girls junior varsity volleyball, boys assistant varsity soccer, boys junior varsity baseball, girls junior varsity softball and assistant track.

Cougars

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In the third quarter, Encinal made it 18-6 on a 28-yard scoring strike from quarterback Jimmy Olson to Nick Loy. But Albany retaliated when Yaidom dumped a short pass over the middle to wide receiver Peter Waugh, who weaved his way through the Encinal secondary to score from 53 yards out with 8:02 to go in the third.

At this point, Encinal slowly pulled away, getting a 33-yard TD pass from Olson to Jackson midway in the third quarter and an 85-yard

punt return from Ray Thomas early in the fourth to go up 34-12.

The Cougars, however, still had life. Capitalizing on an Encinal fumble on the Albany 10, Moore carried the ball nine yards, then workhouse Mike Estis (13 carries, 56 yards) punched it in from the 1. After Moore ran for a two-point conversion, Albany was again within two touchdowns of Goliath, 34-20.

"We made some mistakes early — they had three long runs, they got a long pass," Freeman said. "So we have some things to work on. But we don't give up. That's a rule: We don't give up."

Encinal was content to run the clock out.

Panthers

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second-ranked team, scored on four straight possessions to take a 26-14 halftime lead.

What's more important to Shaughnessy (and Milo) is that the Panthers have a quarterback who can make teams respect the pass. Jason Washington, a transfer from Berkeley High, completed six of 12 passes for 121 yards and two touchdowns against Oakland.

Those are not eye-popping statistics for a pass-oriented team, but for St. Mary's, a bona fide passing attack will take a lot of heat off the running game, which the Panthers are known for.

"I think he (Washington) can make a difference in this team," Shaughnessy said. "We know we're known as a running team, so if we have a passing game, it makes us that much better."

Washington, a senior who has seen limited action in his high school career, appeared nervous in his first few series, but had a couple of confident throws as the Panthers scored 34 points in the second quarter to put the game away.

First he hit Courtney Brown with a 38-yard scoring pass and then threw 12 yards to Omar Young to round out the scoring in the quarter and give St. Mary's a 40-0 lead.

"Yeah, I was kind of nervous at first," said Washington, who was hurt his first two years at St. Mary's before transferring to Berkeley, "but my throws got better as I relaxed. You need a passing game to win a championship."

Shaughnessy shut Washington down in the second half as the Panthers opted to just run against the outmanned Wildcats.

Running back Trestin George, about 20 pounds heavier than he was

last season, gained 158 yards on 26 carries and scored three touchdowns. George lacks the quickness of the graduated Eddie Smith, but he may prove more durable. The Oakland defense keyed on the junior runner and blasted him every time he touched the ball, but the yardage still came.

One of the more unique sights was Alexander lining up a running back late in the first quarter with St. Mary's on the Oakland 22. Before the Wildcats could react, Alexander had the ball and Oakland defenders were bouncing off him as he trundled into the end zone. Alexander scored standing up.

"Just something to think about," Shaughnessy said.

El Cerrito might want to think about re-tooling its offense a little bit. Quarterback Ricky Gatewood was supposed to be featured in a option attack, but Skyline jammed him up so that he was credited with three yards on 12 carries — and that included a 14-yard touchdown run. The Gauchos must make more use of running back Joe-K Onyenegecha, who gained 46 yards on four carries. Onyenegecha, a top sprinter in the Meet of Champions last season, is perhaps the fastest runner in football in these parts.

Gatewood had a decent game against Skyline, completing seven passes out of 16 attempts for 139 yards and no interceptions. Tushambi Evans caught five passes for 130 yards, including an 85-yard touchdown pass that brought the Gauchos to within 20-7 in the second quarter.

But Skyline is Skyline and El Cerrito is not Oakland. St. Mary's will have a more difficult time on both sides of the ball and the Gauchos should have an easier time moving the ball against the St. Mary's defense. It should make for a closer, more exciting game — something that was lacking for both teams last Friday.

Experts hard to find in sports

Today I begin a weekly column on High School Sports appearing in these Contra Costa papers. As the host of High School Sports Focus I have covered 160 High Schools throughout the Bay Area for the past nine years. You could say that makes me an expert, but it really does not. You can never predict what happens in prep sports.

Friday night Buchanan High from Clovis came to DeLaSalle with a convoy of buses, two Fresno television crews, and more signs than the outfield wall at a minor league baseball game. The signs talked about how DeLaSalle's 100 game win streak was about to be broken. "Get ready to go down," the signs said. When my photographer told me all of this, I laughed. I've seen this before. Cocky teams sauntering into Concord thinking they have what it takes to take down the mighty Spartans only to slump away with their tail between their legs.

But this past Friday was different. Sure Buchanan lost the game, but this was a scare. DeLaSalle losing by six is like the 49ers losing by three touchdowns — all right, bad example.

Still, it makes one think maybe mighty DeLaSalle is ... should I say it... beatable. Don't count on it. DeLaSalle was playing its first game of the year and the Spartans always start off slowly. The Mater Dei game will be a huge test, but I see DeLaSalle winning that one and every other game this year. They have too much talent, and now they know what it's like to play scared.

The best game of the week was played in Oakland as Bishop O'Dowd faced off against Fremont The Dragons won it by just one point. Fremont will be a force this year and has a legitimate shot at taking the Silver Bowl away from perennial champ Skyline. L'ario Vital is a terrific athlete who is following in his two brothers' footsteps at Fremont. O'Dowd has one of the area's very best coaches with Paul Perenon. The Dragons look like the favorite to win the Hayward area league again this

Gauchos

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score was negated when Gauchos quarterback Ricky Gatewood connected with Tushambi Evans on an 85-yard scoring pass. Peter Maganias booted the extra point and El Cerrito appeared to be back in the game at 20-7.

"We just blew coverage," said Beam.

Skyline once again started on its own 19 after the kickoff. This time, though, the Titans took a more sustained route down the field.

Skyline marched to the El Cerrito 17 before appearing to hurt its own chances with one of its unsportsmanlike conduct penalties. But El Cerrito could not take advantage as Al-Ghani tossed 29 yards to Skillern on the very next play for Skyline's fourth touchdown and a 26-7 advantage.

The Titans couldn't afford to just sit back and relax, however. El Cerrito struck again before the half

By Robert Braunstein

year. San Leandro will be there. The Pirates had a night win over a very good polino team. Tau Fa spectacular game in yard kick return. He is load. If you want to bring down, you better bring some friends

Congratulations to Ted and Northgate. The Broncos their three-year 23-game win streak with a 35-14 record. Lorenzo. Nick Smith scored touchdowns for the Broncos wasn't too long ago that was a power with Teller coach. It's a credit to Teller he's stuck with it. The Broncos now in a more competitive which should make Teller deserves it

I have two children, an 11 old girl and a 9-year-old boy. wife and I do all we can to make them well and water become wonderful adults. Parrino was well on her way to the Deer Valley water polo team. Brooke bright, well liked, and darned good goalie. He had certainly done a nice When I heard Brooke had a car accident, I cringed. I admit I thought of myself how I would feel as a dad thing like that ever my little girl. It was so so unfair. Two girls in San were also killed in a car crash week. Both accidents were body's fault, just accident could have met Brooke's parent are going right now. My thoughts are for them.

ended as Gatewood scrambled yards to cut Skyline's lead

Still, the second half Skyline. James scored on run to open a 33-14 lead left in the third quarter

Later in the period, the were once again. El Cerrito territory broke out in the stadium site end of the stadium. students made their way to north bleachers to the school officials from both as well as the El Cerrito police. vened

But Skyline and El Cerrito, to their credit, kept their posture, and the game came to spite the pandemonium at opposite end

On second-and-1, Al passed to Skillern for a 7-yard to the El Cerrito 1. Yonus D over on the next play to close scoring.

Chijoke Onyenegecha had 45 yards for the Gauchos

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Arts

At long last the fall movies

By Rene Rodriguez
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

The films of fall are upon us, and not a moment too soon.

For all its commercial successes, the summer movie season that limped to a close recently has to rank as a disappointment. Yes, there was something to see all summer long. There just wasn't much worth getting excited about.

Even the few bright spots — "Gladiator," "X-Men," "The Patriot," "What Lies Beneath" — didn't make much of an impression: None of them really stayed with you. It's a telling sign that no movie this summer became a genuine pop culture phenomenon, the way "The Sixth Sense," "The Phantom Menace" and "The Blair Witch Project" all did last year.

The one piece of entertainment people couldn't stop talking about was TV's "Survivor," and for good reason: Even the fearsome waves of "The Perfect Storm" had nothing on the delicious suspense of the show's weekly tribal council meetings.

The fact that a mean little game show proved infinitely more gripping than Hollywood's flashiest entertainments is disheartening. With luck, though, that's all about to change. Fall is when Hollywood doles out its big, serious movies, its Oscar contenders, the films not necessarily designed to spawn a sequel.

That's not to say the season is all about art: Arnold Schwarzenegger, Sylvester Stallone and Adam Sandler all have new films heading our way, and some of them might be good. But fall offers more substance at the multiplex than any other time of the year. This is when movies set out to do more than just kill a couple of hours of your time. This is when movies matter.

Here is a list of some of the movies scheduled for release between now and Thanksgiving. All dates are subject to change.

Opens today

"Bait": Jamie Foxx is a small-time thief drawn into some big-time crime in this action thriller from director Antoine Fuqua ("The Replacement Killers").

Sept. 22

"Almost Famous": Writer-director Cameron ("Jerry Maguire," "Say Anything") Crowe's autobiographical tale, about a 15-year-old who lands an assignment with Rolling Stone magazine in the early 1970s, is an exhilarating ode to the power of music, the allure of rock 'n' roll, and the importance of family. Could be one of the best films of the year.

"Urban Legends: Final Cut": Jennifer Morrison, Matthew Davis, Hart Bochner and Joseph Lawrence are the fresh meat in this sequel to the 1998 killer-on-college-campus slasher flick.

"Woman on Top": Romantic fable about a really hot gourmet chef (Penelope Cruz) who can seduce any man with her amazing, um, cuisine. Directed by Fina Torres ("Celestial Clockwork").

Sept. 29

"Best in Show": From the team that made 1997's hilarious "Waiting For Guffman" comes another mockumentary, this one about the antics leading up to a nationally televised dog show. Christopher Guest (who also directed), Parker Posey, Catherine O'Hara and Eugene Levy are among the fanatical canine lovers.



BRUCE WILLIS teams up again with "The Sixth Sense" director M. Night Shyamalan for "Unbreakable." Samuel L. Jackson co-stars in this Nov. 22 release.

"Girlfight": Sundance film festival hit about a young woman (Michelle Rodriguez) who takes up boxing.

"Remember the Titans": Denzel Washington is a football coach hired to replace a Virginia high school's white coach (Will Patton) after the school is racially integrated in 1971.

Oct. 6

"Bamboozled": Spike Lee ("Summer of Sam") wrote and directed this comedy about the sudden rise — and even faster fall — of a network TV writer (Damon Wayans). Lee always bears watching, but is there anything left about the television industry

worth satirizing?

"Dancer in the Dark": Lars von Trier's controversial love-it-or-hate-it drama divided audiences at the Cannes film festival, where it walked away with the grand prize. Björk stars as a Czech single mother living in rural America who is obsessed with classic Hollywood musicals. Oh, and she also is going blind. Get those hankies out.

"Digimon: The Movie": Not to be confused with "Digimon" the TV show.

"Get Carter": In his first film since 1997's "Copland," Sylvester Stallone stars as a Vegas mobster who goes to

Seattle to attend his brother's funeral — then starts cracking skulls when it looks like the brother may have been murdered. Co-starring Michael Caine (who starred in the 1971 original), Alan Cumming and Mickey Rourke. Stallone and Rourke? We're there.

"Meet the Parents": Ben Stiller is a groom-to-be trying to win over his fiancée's hard-to-please paranoid father (Robert De Niro). The trailer looks hilarious. Directed by Jay Roach ("Austin Powers").

"Tigerland": In 1971, a group of

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"CHARLIE'S ANGELS": Cameron Diaz, left, Lucy Liu and Drew Barrymore star in this movie remake of the 1970s TV hit. It's set for a Nov. 3 release.

Ray Brown Trio delivers standards and some blues

By Andrew Gilbert
CORRESPONDENT

Part of the fun of seeing Ray Brown is watching the veteran bassist whip young musicians into shape.

At 73, Brown has been a jazz giant for more than five decades, and his sound still snaps with the same full-bodied confidence that has made him the bassist of choice on countless recordings. He's been leading a trio since the late '70s, and despite increasingly frequent personnel changes, the group has maintained the same unfailingly entertaining formula, interpreting standards with a healthy dose of blues.

His arrangements are often intricate, and an unsuspecting young player can quickly find himself (Brown's bands have been uniformly male) in a minefield of sudden stops and starts. In recent years, the group has been something of a proving ground for up-and-coming players, boosting the careers of pianists Benny Green and Geoff Keezer and drummers Gregory Hutchinson and Karim Riggins. For his residency at Yoshi's, Brown presents an engaging

CONCERT REVIEW

■ **WHAT:** Ray Brown Trio, with Ernie Andrews

■ **WHERE:** Yoshi's at Jack London Square, 510 Embarcadero West, Oakland

■ **WHEN:** Through Sept. 17. \$20 to \$24 general, Sunday matinee: \$5 children; \$10 adult with one child.

■ **HOW MUCH:** \$20-\$24 evening shows, \$5-\$20 Sunday matinees (including youth and family discounts)

new trio, featuring the appropriately bluesy Larry Fuller on piano and George Fludus on drums.

With only a week on the job, Fludus handled himself with poise, displaying a truly sensitive touch on the gentle ballad "Estate," caressing the beat with a brush in his right hand while adding accents with a mallet in his left. Fuller is a two-fisted player with a good feel for the blues. He

lacks some of the quirkiness of his immediate predecessor, Keezer, but he showed off his rhythmic imagination on Brown's funky reinvention of "You Are My Sunshine."

It wasn't youth, however, that grabbed the spotlight on Tuesday night. Rather, a last-minute emergency forced the cancellation of the special guest, singer Kevn Mahogany, and Ernie Andrews got the call to fill in (alto saxophonist Phil Woods joins the trio this week). One of the finest jazz singers of the post-World War II era, the 72-year-old Andrews has unaccountably spent much of his career in the shadow of other vocalists.

Like Brown, who joined Dizzy Gillespie's seminal quintet at the age of 19 in 1945, Andrews made his mark while still a teen-ager, scoring hits for the G&G label that songwriter Joe Greene ("Soothe Me," "Don't Let the Sun Catch You Crying") created for him. He spent much of the '60s touring with Harry James. Every decade since, he seems to gain a flash of attention — in the '70s for his contributions to Kenny Burrell's "Ellington Is Forever" albums, in the '80s for his work with the Basie-inspired

Frank Capp/Nat Pierce Juggernaut and Gene Harris Superband, and in the early '90s for his work with the Harper Brothers — but the limelight quickly fades, and he's once again the greatest singer deserving another break.

While he only held the stage for the final third of Brown's opening set, Andrews energized the room and brought the audience to their feet. He announced his presence with "Once in a Lifetime," a tune about seizing the moment. Quickly changing gears from a shout to a soothing whisper, he made "If I Had You" sound effortless and utterly convincing.

He also delivered his trademark "Kansas City" medley, where he pays tribute to musicians such as Charles Brown, Jimmy Rushing and Walter Brown.

Radiating pleasure at finding himself in a premier club backed by a superb rhythm section, Andrews made the most of his brief time on stage. With his versatility, unflagging soul and old-school charm, he's the rarest of commodities: an entertainer steeped in the spirit of jazz who's survived to tell new tales.

EVENTS

Cody's Books

David Copperfield, Sept. 16. The author discusses his book "One Good Turn: A Natural History of the Screw-driver and the Screw."

Gregory Martin, Sept. 18. The author discusses his book "Mountain City." Keith Devlin, Sept. 19. The author discusses his book "The Math Gene: How Mathematical Thinking Evolved and Why Numbers Are Like Gossip." Peter Jay, Sept. 20, 7 p.m. The author discusses his book "The Wealth of Men." At the Berkeley City Club \$12 to \$16. (415) 597-6705.

John Philip Santos, Sept. 21. The author reads from his book "Places Left Unfinished at the Time of Creation."

Robert P. Johnson, Sept. 22, 7 p.m. The author reads from his book "Thirteen Moons: A Year in the Wilderness." At 1730 Fourth St. Events are free and start at 7:30 p.m.

1855 University Ave., Berkeley 94704. Telephone 845-6445. graph Ave., Berkeley. (415) 845-7852.

Hecho En Califas Festival Of New Chicano Performance Arts Sept. 29 through Sept. 30. At the California State Fairgrounds, 1000 Broadway, Berkeley. Spoken word, theater, film and art by young Chicano/Latino artists from California.

Sept. 20, 6:30 p.m. to midnight. Music and Sing/Para Todos. \$5.

Sept. 21, 8 p.m.: Spoken Word/Palabra Hablada. At Fine Arts Cinema, 2451 Shattuck Ave. (415) 553-8140.

Sept. 22, 7:30 p.m.: Ritmo del Bano Musica \$10 general. \$5 students.

Sept. 23, 7:30 p.m.: Viva El Sabor \$10 general. \$8 students.

Sept. 24, 7 p.m.: New Folkloric Fusion Musica. \$8 general. \$6 students.

La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. (510) 849-2568.

The 29th Annual Northern California Fall Boat Show

Sept. 16 through Sept. 17. At the Oakland Convention Center, 1000 Broadway, Oakland. Featuring fish boats, motor-yachts, sailboats, marine products and services.

\$8.50 general; \$3.50 children.

Wednesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Jack London Square, Oakland. (800) 698-5777 or

www.ncma.com

Paramount Movie Classics Summer 2000 Series

— through Sept. 22. The evening includes a classic movie, walk-in music from the Wurlitzer organ, a newsreel, cartoon, movie previews and the Paramount's prize give-away game "Dinner & Wine."

Sept. 22: Gentlemen Prefer Blondes.

\$5. Shows at 8 p.m. 2025 Broadway, Oakland. (510) 465-6400.

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Sept. 15 through Sept. 17, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. An interactive auto show where consumers test-drive and compare 50 different models in a single venue.

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Golden Gate Fields, 1100 Eastshore Highway, Albany. (213) 623-4200 ext. 766 or

www.edmunds.com/edmundslive

YMCA Family Fest Carnival

Sept. 16, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Featuring carnival activities, a magic show and family kickboxing class.

Free. Downtown Oakland YMCA, 2350 Broadway, Oakland. (510) 451-9622.

The 9th Annual Italian Festa

Sept. 16 and Sept. 17. A celebration of Italian heritage and culture featuring food, music, cultural displays, live entertainment, children's activities, and more.

Free. Saturday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jack London Square, foot of Broadway, Oakland. (510) 814-6000 or www.jacklondonsquare.com

The Fifth Annual How Berkeley Can You Be? Parade and Festival

Sept. 24, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The festival includes performances by San Francisco Mime Troupe, Ray Obiedo and the Urban Latin Jazz Project, FezTones, Aya DeLeon, Reggae Angels.

Free. Parade: University Avenue above Sacramento; Festival: Civic Center Park, Center Street and MLK Way, Berkeley. (510) 849-4688 or www.howberkeleycanyoubecan.com

A.C.C.I. Gallery

"Paperworks" through Oct. 7. A group exhibit of works by Carol Brighton, Vannie Keightley, Jean Hearst.

Free. Tuesday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. 1652 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. (510) 843-2527.

Alice Arts Center

"Urban Places and Open Spaces" through Sept. 30. An exhibit of works of various art themes featuring Ken Burson, G. Marshall Hasbrouck and Marion Modena. Part of the Alice Arts Exhibition Series. All art viewable from outside Alice Arts Center windows.

Free. 1428 Alice St., Oakland. (510) 238-6953 or (510) 238-4948.

Alta Bates Medical Center Art Gallery

"East Bay Women Artists," through Oct. 22. An exhibit of paintings, prints, photographs, collages, and sculpture.

Free. Daily, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. 2450 Ashby Ave. Berkeley. (510) 339-0348.

Berkeley Art Center

"Ethnic Notions: Black Images in the White Mind," through Nov. 12. An exhibit by Janette Faulkner exploring

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BILL MANN

Media Notes

Hollyhypocrisy

Look up the word "unctuous" in the dictionary, and you might find a picture of Jack

Valenti.

Seeing movie-biz spokesperson Valenti all over TV like a cheap

again this week called to mind

things:

1) The hope that I hadn't eaten

before I saw his reptilian

file; and 2) the old Hollywood

trick: "If you can fake sincerity,

you are a piece of cake."

Let me get this straight: The

recording and video-game in-

dustry is putting parental warn-

ings on their products while si-

lently marketing the very

products directly to children?

Goodness. That would be —

what? It's dishonest, would-

good heavens

up. I bet Valenti and his en-

ergetic-exec friends can

sleep at night now after be-

lieved by their own govern-

ment — a show-biz-friendly admin-

istration, I might add. Yep, those

guys are probably tossing and

turning after this sleaziness was

officially documented in a

recent FTC report this week.

Let the political posturing by

the parties begin!

We could call these industries

culture's bottom-feeders, or de-

fers, but, hey, that wouldn't be

nice. They're just trying to

be a buck, right, and anything

they do so is clearly justified, at

least in this country. I mean, if you

can't contribute garbage and have

people actually PAY for it, that's

free money, isn't it?

The late Frank Zappa once told

during an interview that after

World War II, only two

things would survive: Cockroaches

and record execs. I've seen nothing

convince me otherwise. OK,

record execs might be in there, too.

Even, I've just finished raising

kids in the mass-media moral

ever charmingly called "the popu-

culture," and I feel for all you

guys out there. Your task is a lot

hitting golf balls into a hurri-

cane — those decreasing number

of parents who still take your

responsibilities seriously, that is.

As many these days do not. Just

ask any school principal.) And par-

enting, never easy to begin with,

is getting harder every year because

the sullied context in which our

kids now grow up.

If your youngsters haven't

ached the teen years yet, several

reliable new studies are confirm-

ing something many of us parents

have sensed all along: To

children, peer pressure is far

more important than what parents

don't want. You can have all

heart-to-hearts in the world

about your kids about sex or drugs

or whatever, and indeed, you

should. But the odds are — and

the sociological studies now

confirm — that what parents have

to them probably isn't the in-

fluence they'll ultimately use to make

ultimate decisions on these

social matters. And that's where

the anti and his pals slither into the

picture.

Usually disagree with Bill Ben-

but what he said on "NBC

48th News" this week in re-

sponse to the latest spate of

the self-serving garbage dis-

tributed as a clarion call to respon-

sibility really hit the nail on

the head: "If all we have is parents

giving a decomposing culture,

parents are going to lose."

Now for people to be respon-

sible parents sounds good, Jack,

but it just doesn't cut it any more,

and your kids don't watch or listen

to this junk at home, you say? OK,

believe you. But they may be

watching it at the house of a friend

whose parents aren't around or

don't care or don't know.

Still shaking your head?

Well, as Valenti, even after being

interviewed with this week's incon-

gruous, smoking-gun evidence

from the FTC.

I can't tell you how proud I am

to be an American when Holly-

wood seizes merchants wrap

themselves in the First Amend-

ment. Plus, they're sending this

message overseas.

FRIDAY MOVIE LISTINGS

Titles and showtimes subject to change.
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Showtimes for Friday, September 15

Alameda County

Act I & II

Center St. of Shattuck, Berkeley 843-FILM
 • An Affair of Love (R) 7:30, 9:45
 • Urbana (R) 7:15, 9:40

Albany Twin

Soano at San Pablo Ave., Albany 843-FILM
 • The Life and Times of Hank Greenberg (NR) 2:15, 4:30, 7:00, 9:00
 • Solomon & Gaenor (R) 6:45, 9:50

California Theatres

On Kittredge at Shattuck, Berkeley 843-FILM
 • Cecil B. Demented (R) 3:45, 5:45, 7:45, 9:45
 • The Cell (R) 4:45, 7:20, 9:35
 • Nurse Betty (R) 4:15, 7:00, 9:20

Century 25 Union City Union Landing*

32100 Union Landing Road, Union City 487-9593
 • Almost Famous (R) 11:40 a.m., 12:40, 1:35, 2:20, 3:20, 4:20, 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 7:40, 8:40, 9:40, 10:20
 • The Art of War (R) 11:30 a.m., 2:00, 4:40, 7:25, 10:00
 • Autumn in New York (PG-13) 12:30, 5:00, 9:30
 • Ball (R) 11:35 a.m., 1:10, 2:15, 4:00, 5:05, 7:00, 7:50, 9:45, 10:30
 • Bless the Child (R) 5:10, 7:35, 9:55
 • Bring It On (PG-13) 12:10, 12:55, 2:35, 3:15, 5:15, 5:55, 7:40, 8:15, 10:05, 10:30
 • The Cell (R) 11:35 a.m., 2:00, 4:40, 7:30, 10:00
 • Chicken Run (G) 11:45 a.m.
 • Coyote Ugly (PG-13) 12:15, 5:10, 9:35
 • Duets (R) 11:30 a.m., 2:15, 4:55, 7:30, 10:05
 • Gladiator (R) 12:15, 3:30, 7:00, 10:15
 • Highlander: Endgame (R) 11:30 a.m., 1:40, 3:40, 5:50, 7:55, 10:10
 • Hollow Men (R) 2:50, 7:15
 • Nurse Betty (R) 11:50 a.m., 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50
 • Nutty Professor II: The Klumps (PG-13) 2:45, 7:15
 • The Original Kings of Comedy (R) 11:40 a.m., 2:15, 4:50, 7:45, 10:20
 • The Perfect Storm (PG-13) 7:20, 10:10
 • The Replacements (PG-13) 11:55 a.m., 2:25, 5:05, 7:50, 10:25
 • Scary Movie (R) 12:0, 3:50, 6:00, 8:10, 10:20
 • Space Cowboys (PG-13) 1:05, 3:55, 7:05, 9:55
 • The Watcher (R) 11:35 a.m., 12:20, 1:55, 2:40, 4:35, 5:25, 7:10, 8:05, 9:40, 10:25
 • The Way of the Gun (R) 11:30 a.m., 2:15, 5:00, 7:45, 9:45
 • What Lies Beneath (PG-13) 1:15, 4:05, 7:05, 9:50
 • X-Men (PG-13) noon, 2:30, 4:55

Chabot Cinema

2853 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley 582-2555
 • The Watcher (R) 3:30, 5:30, 9:30
 • The Cell (R) 3:20, 7:30, 9:30

Elmwood

2956 College Avenue, Berkeley 649-0530
 • The Color of Paradise (PG) 7:00
 • Crouper (NR) 6:15
 • The Eyes of Tammy Faye (PG-13) 7:10
 • High Fidelity (R) 4:50, 9:00
 • The Opportunists (R) 5:00, 8:50
 • Sunshine (R) 8:00

Fine Arts Cinema - Berkeley *

2451 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 844-1143
 Call theater for schedule

Grand Lake Theater

3000 Grand Avenue, Oakland 452-3556
 • Ball (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45
 • Bring It On (PG-13) noon, 2:00, 4:30, 6:45, 9:00
 • Turn It Up (R) noon
 • The Watcher (R) 12:15, 2:15, 4:45, 7:30, 10:00
 • The Way of the Gun (R) 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:30

Jack London Cinema *

100 Washington St., Oakland 433-1320
 • Almost Famous (R) 10:45 a.m., 11:15 a.m., 1:30, 2:00, 4:20, 5:00, 7:10, 7:40, 9:30, 10:15, 10:45, 10:55, 10:45
 • The Art of War (R) 11:30 a.m., 1:30, 5:05, 10:45
 • Ball (R) 11:00 a.m., 1:45, 2:15, 4:35, 7:25, 7:55, 10:15
 • Bring It On (PG-13) 11:20 a.m., 1:50, 4:25, 7:00, 9:40
 • The Cell (R) 11:25 a.m., 2:05, 4:55, 7:45, 10:20
 • Duets (R) 11:10 a.m., 1:55, 4:40, 7:20, 10:10
 • The Original Kings of Comedy (R) 11:05 a.m., 2:10, 5:00, 7:50, 10:40
 • The Watcher (R) 11:40 a.m., 2:10, 4:45, 7:15, 9:50

Festival 9 Cinemas Hayward *

18901 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward 785-0000
 • Ball (R) 2:10, 4:30, 7:20, 10:05
 • Bring It On (PG-13) 2:50, 4:10, 7:00, 9:30
 • The Cell (R) 3:00, 5:15, 8:00, 10:30
 • Gladiator (R) 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
 • Nurse Betty (R) 2:40, 5:15, 7:50, 10:20
 • The Original Kings of Comedy (R) 2:20, 4:50, 7:40, 10:25
 • The Replacements (PG-13) 4:20, 9:45
 • Space Cowboys (PG-13) 2:00, 4:40, 7:30, 10:15
 • The Way of the Gun (R) 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:10
 • What Lies Beneath (PG-13) 1:45, 7:10

NAZ 8 *

39400 Argonaut Way, Fremont 797-2000
 • Karabaz (NR) 5:00, 7:00, 9:00, 11:00

Oaks Theater *

1875 Solano Avenue, Berkeley 526-1836
 • The Perfect Storm (PG-13) 8:00
 • Space Cowboys (PG-13) 7:00, 9:30
 • Titan A.E. (PG) 6:00

Piedmont Theatre

Piedmont at 41st, Oakland 843-FILM
 • Love and Sex (NR) 5:30, 7:30, 9:45
 • Nurse Betty (R) 7:15, 9:35
 • Saving Grace (R) 4:50, 7:00, 9:20

Shattuck Cinemas *

On Shattuck at Kittredge, Berkeley 843-FILM
 • Almost Famous (R) 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50, 12:40, 3:30, 6:20, 9:10
 • But I'm a Cheerleader (R) 9:20
 • Chicken Run (G) 12:35, 2:40, 4:40, 6:40
 • Duel (NR) 1:00, 3:45, 7:10, 9:40
 • Girl on the Bridge (R) 12:45, 3:05, 5:20, 7:35, 10:00
 • Love and Sex (NR) 9:25
 • The Original Kings of Comedy (R) 1:30, 4:05, 6:45, 9:25
 • Saving Grace (R) 12:50, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 10:00
 • The Tao of Steve (R) 1:05, 3:25, 5:35, 7:45, 9:45
 • The Way of the Gun (R) 1:10, 4:00, 6:50, 9:30

Silver Super Saver Cinemas Fremont 7 *

39160 Paseo Padre Pkwy., Gateway Plaza Shopping Ctr., Fremont 505-9292
 Call theater for schedule

UA Berkeley 7 *

2274 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 843-1487
 • Ball (R) 12:10, 3:25, 7:15, 10:10
 • Bring It On (PG-13) 12:45, 3:05, 5:25, 7:55, 10:30
 • Gladiator (R) 12:10, 3:30, 7:00, 10:15
 • Scary Movie (R) 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45
 • The Tic Code (R) 12:05, 2:35, 5:05, 7:35, 10:25
 • The Watcher (R) 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:20
 • What Lies Beneath (PG-13) noon, 3:15, 7:05, 10:00

UA Emeryville 10 *

5330 Christie Ave., Emeryville 420-0107
 • Almost Famous (R) 10:50 a.m., 11:40 a.m., 1:30, 2:20, 4:15, 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:45, 10:45, 12:30 a.m.
 • Backstage (R) 11:10 a.m., 3:30, 7:50
 • Ball (R) 10:50 a.m., 1:40, 4:25, 7:20, 10:15, 12:30 a.m.
 • Bring It On (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 1:55, 4:20, 7:15, 9:40, 12:10 a.m.
 • The Cell (R) 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:15, 10:45
 • Duets (R) 11:15 a.m., 2:15, 5:10, 7:45, 10:30
 • Nurse Betty (R) 11:00 a.m., 1:45, 4:30, 7:10, 10:00, 12:30 a.m.
 • The Original Kings of Comedy (R) 10:55 a.m., 1:35, 4:35, 7:35, 10:35
 • Turn It Up (R) 12:50, 5:40, 7:30, 10:10, 12:30 a.m.
 • The Watcher (R) noon, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:10, 12:30 a.m.

UA Hayward 6 *

24800 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward 786-3000
 • The Art of War (R) 12:10, 2:45, 5:20, 7:50, 10:15
 • Bless the Child (R) 12:40, 5:10, 10:10
 • Nutty Professor II: The Klumps (PG-13) 12:05, 2:30, 5:00, 7:20, 9:45
 • Scary Movie (R) 12:50, 3:00, 4:50, 7:00, 9:20
 • Sunshine (R) noon, 4:00, 8:00
 • Turn It Up (R) 3:00, 7:40

• The Watcher (R) 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50

UC Theatre

University Avenue between Minna Street and Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 843-FILM
 • Criminal Minded (NR) 5:30, 7:30, 9:30

Central Contra Costa

Century 5 Pleasant Hill *

Hay 680, Monument Blvd., Pleasant Hill 887-1100
 • Ball (R) 11:30 a.m., 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:35
 • Bring It On (PG-13) noon, 2:30, 5:00, 7:20, 9:50
 • Highlander: Endgame (R) 11:50 a.m., 2:40, 5:10, 7:50, 10:10
 • The Patriot (R) 12:20, 4:00, 8:00
 • What Lies Beneath (PG-13) 12:10, 3:00, 7:30, 10:20

Contra Costa 5 *

555 Central Ave. (Off Hwy 4), Martinez 228-9960
 Call theater for schedule

Crow Canyon 6 *

2525 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon 820-4831
 • Nurse Betty (R) 11:30 a.m., 2:00, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45
 • Saving Grace (R) 12:15, 2:45, 5:00, 7:20, 9:50
 • Space Cowboys (PG-13) 11:40 a.m., 2:15, 4:45, 7:25, 10:00
 • The Watcher (R) noon, 2:20, 4:40, 7:00, 9:15

Festival Walnut Creek *

1450 N. California Blvd., Walnut Creek 934-9649
 • Duets (R) 1:40, 4:15, 7:00, 9:35
 • Gladiator (R) 2:00, 5:00, 8:00
 • Nurse Betty (R) 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:40
 • Saving Grace (R) 2:45, 4:55, 7:10, 9:30
 • Space Cowboys (PG-13) 1:25, 4:10, 7:05, 9:55

Orinda Theater *

4 Orinda Theater Square, Orinda 254-9060
 • Almost Famous (R) 7:00, 9:45
 • Nurse Betty (R) 6:45, 9:30
 • Space Cowboys (PG-13) 6:30, 9:00

Park Theater

3519 Golden Gate Way, Lafayette 283-7997
 • Saving Grace (R) 7:00, 9:15

Rheem All-Stadium 4 *

15000 Street, Menlo Park 925-3411
 • Ball (R) 5:00, 7:30, 9:45
 • Crouper (NR) 5:00, 7:00
 • Gladiator (R) 9:00
 • The Watcher (R) 5:15, 7:20, 9:25
 • The Way of the Gun (R) 7:10, 9:30

West Contra Costa

Century 10 Pinole *

1480 Appian Way, Pinole 222-8030
 • The Art of War (R) 12:10, 2:35, 5:20, 7:50, 10:15
 • Ball (R) 11:35 a.m., 2:15, 4:55, 7:45, 10:25
 • Bring It On (PG-13) 11:40 a.m., 1:55, 4:10, 7:15, 9:40
 • The Cell (R) noon, 2:30, 5:00, 7:25, 10:00
 • Duets (R) 11:30 a.m., 2:10, 4:45, 7:20, 10:10
 • Highlander: Endgame (R) 11:50 a.m., 2:40, 5:00, 7:30, 10:05
 • Nurse Betty (R) 12:05, 2:35, 5:05, 7:35, 10:10
 • The Original Kings of Comedy (R) 11:45 a.m., 2:30, 5:10, 7:55, 10:30
 • The Watcher (R) 11:30 a.m., 1:45, 4:40, 7:00, 9:30
 • The Way of the Gun (R) 11:40 a.m., 2:25, 5:15, 8:00, 10:30

San Francisco

AMC 1000 Van Ness *

1000 Van Ness, San Francisco (415)922-AMC
 • Almost Famous (R) 2:05, 5:00, 8:05, 11:00, 3:30, 7:55, 12:40 AM, 10:55, 4:25, 7:35, 10:30
 • Backstage (R) 9:40
 • Bless the Child (R) 1:15, 4:15, 7:10
 • Bring It On (PG-13) 1:50, 4:35, 7:05, 9:45, 12:10 a.m.
 • The Cell (R) 12:15 a.m., 1:30, 4:20, 7:15, 10:10
 • Duets (R) 12:25 a.m., 1:55, 4:40, 7:25, 10:10
 • Highlander: Endgame (R) 2:00, 5:05, 7:30
 • Nurse Betty (R) 1:20, 4:10, 7:20, 10:15, 12:45 AM
 • The Original Kings of Comedy (R) 1:45, 4:45, 7:40, 10:20
 • The Replacements (PG-13) 8:10, 10:55
 • The Watcher (R) 12:45 a.m., 2:10, 5:15, 8:10, 10:35
 • The Way of the Gun (R) 1:40, 4:30, 7:45, 10:40
 • What Lies Beneath (PG-13) 1:35, 4:50, 7:50, 10:45
 • X-Men (PG-13) 2:20, 5:20

AMC Kabuki 8 *

1881 Post St., San Francisco (415)922-AMC
 Call theater for schedule

Bridge *

3010 Geary Blvd., San Francisco (415)352-0810
 • Cecil B. Demented (R) 2:40, 4:50, 7:15, 9:40

Castro Theatre

Castro and Market Streets, San Francisco (415)621-6120
 • Paraglyph 175 (NR) 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00

Clay

2261 Fillmore St., San Francisco (415)352-0810
 • Girl on the Bridge (R) 12:35, 2:45, 4:50, 7:10, 9:25

Embarcadero

1 Embarcadero Center, San Francisco (415)352-0810
 • Love and Sex (NR) 12:30, 2:45, 4:40, 7:20, 9:40
 • Saving Grace (R) 12:15, 2:40, 4:50, 7:00, 9:15
 • Solomon & Gaenor (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:10, 9:30
 • The Tao of Steve (R) 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:40, 9:55
 • Urbana (R) noon, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

Lumiere *

1572 California St., San Francisco (415)352-0810
 • An Affair of Love (R) 12:30, 2:55, 5:20, 7:30, 9:45
 • Praise (NR) 12:15, 2:40, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40
 • This Is Spinal Tap (R) 12:45, 2:50, 5:10, 7:40, 9:55

Opera Plaza Cinemas *

601 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco (415)352-0810
 • But I'm a Cheerleader (R) 1:30, 4:20, 7:30, 9:40
 • Crouper (NR) 4:00, 9:20
 • The Life and Times of Hank Greenberg (R) 1:20, 7:10
 • The Opportunists (R) 1:10, 4:10, 7:20, 9:30
 • Sunshine (R) 1:00, 4:30, 8:00

Red Vic *

1727 Haight St., San Francisco (415)668-3994
 • Baraka (NR) 7:15, 9:35

Roxy *

3117 16th St., San Francisco (415)653-1087
 • At Midnight and a Half (NR) 6:00
 • Segundo Siglo (NR) 8:30

Sony Metreon *

101 4th Street, San Francisco (415)369-6200
 • Almost Famous (R) 11:30 a.m., 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30, 5:30, 6:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30, 11:30
 • The Art of War (R) 11:45 a.m., 2:45, 5:45, 8:45, 11:40
 • Backstage (R) noon
 • Ball (R) 12:45, 3:45, 6:45, 9:45
 • Bring It On (PG-13) noon, 3:00, 6:00, 9:00, 11:20
 • The Cell (R) 12:15, 3:15, 6:15, 9:15
 • Duets (R) 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:45
 • Highlander: Endgame (R) 4:50, 10:50
 • Nurse Betty (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
 • The Original Kings of Comedy (R) 12:10, 3:10, 6:10, 9:10
 • Space Cowboys (PG-13) 11:00 a.m., 2:00, 5:00, 7:50, 10:40
 • The Watcher (R) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15
 • The Way of the Gun (R) 11:15 a.m., 2:15, 5:15, 8:15, 11:10
 • What Lies Beneath (PG-13) 12:05, 3:05, 6:05, 9:05
 • X-Men (PG-13) 1:50, 7:50

Sony Metreon IMAX

101 4th Street, San Francisco (415)369-6200
 • Fantasia 2000 (G) 12:20, 4:50, 8:15
 • Sigfried & Roy: The Magic Box (NR) 2:10, 6:40
 • Wild California (NR) 3:30, 10:10

UA Galaxy *

1285 Sutter St., San Francisco (415)474-8700
 • The Art of War (R) 11:30 a.m., 2:00, 7:15
 • Ball (R) 11:00 a.m., 1:30, 7:00, 9:45
 • Human Resources (NR) 11:30 a.m., 2:00, 7:00, 9:30
 • Space Cowboys (PG-13) 11:00 a.m., 1:45, 7:15, 10:10
 • Turn It Up (R) 9:45

Below are capsule reviews of movies playing at area theaters. The reviewers are Chuck Barney, Vera H-C Chan, Karen Hershenson and Mary Pols. Times, Ted Anthony, Robert W. Butler, Phoebe Flowers, Chris Hewitt, J. Monaghan, Robert Philpot, Steven Rea and Renee Rodriguez, Knight Ridder Newspapers; Chris Grygiel, Lillie Itale, Chnsty Lamire and Bob Thomas, Associated Press; Michael Saunders, Boston Globe; Bob Heuser and John Anderson, Newsday; Anita Gates, Lawrence Van Gelder, Stephen Holden, Dave Kehr, Janet Maslin, Elvis Mitchell and A.O. Scott, New York Times; Bob Strauss and Glenn Whipp, Los Angeles Daily News; Kenneth Turan, Kevin Thomas and Charles Solomon, Orange County Register; Glenn Lovell, San Jose Mercury News; John Hartl, Seattle Times; Roger Ebert, Universal Press Syndicate; and Desson Howe, Washington Post

"AN AFFAIR OF LOVE": An assured French film that's actually a meditation on what fear can do to love, and how easily a misunderstanding glance or a few words can change things forever. The characters have no names and meet online so they can act out one of their sexual fantasies. From a he said/she said point of view, the audience learns how each person perceives events that followed. To give away any more would spoil this thoughtful and pensive film. — M. Pols. (R: sexual themes and brief nudity.) 1 hour, 20 minutes. A-

"AIMEE & JAGUAR": A wartime romance about a love affair between a German housewife and a Jewish lesbian in Berlin in 1943. Felice (Mara Schradler) has concealed her Jewishness so well, she works for a Nazi newspaper. Lilly (Juliane Kohler), the mother of four, is naive but honest, and when they are struck by love, there is no turning back. Based on a true story, of course — since as fiction, it would be too incredible. Directed by Max Farberbock. — R. Ebert. (NR: intended for adults.) 2 hours, 5 minutes. B

"THE ART OF WAR": Another slambang Wesley Snipes adventure that ranks low on the credibility meter, but provides some cheap thrills. Snipes is in fine form — leaping from tall buildings, even — in his role as a United Nations super-secret agent who goes on the lam after the Chinese ambassador to the UN is assassinated. The plot's hysterical, yet the action is swift and watchable. — B. Thomas. (R: nudity, language and excessive violence.) 1 hour, 57 minutes. C

"BACKSTAGE": A keen, observant concert documentary that follows the 1999 "Hard Knock Life" tour headed by Jay-Z and several other rappers. Although it isn't as good as the rap documentaries "Rhyme and Reason" and "The Show," "Backstage" offers some interesting glimpses into the rap world. — E. Mitchell. (R) 1 hour, 27 minutes. C+

"THE BALLAD OF RAMBLIN' JACK": A documentary about folk troubadour Ramblin' Jack Elliott, made by his daughter Aiya, who observes that it's no fun having the world's greatest ramblar as your dad. Elliott was a protégé of Woody Guthrie, and the film argues that young Bob Dylan invented himself by borrowing from Elliott. Arlo Guthrie, who may have a bone to pick, says: "There wouldn't be no Bob Dylan without Ramblin' Jack Elliott." But Dylan was focused (and more talented), and Elliott, the film observes, rambled to a fault. The doc hovers intriguingly between homage and revenge. — R. Ebert. (NR) 1 hour, 52 minutes. B

"BLESS THE CHILD": Kim Basinger fights with Satan and Rufus Sewell over the soul of her possibly autistic, definitely saintly 6-year-old niece. And yet, yawn. This is the least thrilling supernatural thriller to come along in a long time. It's like "The Exorcist" crossed with "Touched By an Angel," with the latter unfortunately dominating. Basinger sleepwalks through her role, gingerly picking her way through hordes of demons in elegant Grace Kelly outfits. The Catholic Church comes across pretty well, though, and so do angels, who

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LOVE & SEX: Famke Janssen narrates a sexy tale about the hazards of dating as she negotiates her way through an affair with Jon Favreau. As a magazine writer, he's an artist, and they're chronologically adult, but the movie has them behaving on dates the way they probably did in high school. If you're not into R, the movie might be overrated. **B**. (R) 1 hour, 22 minutes. **C**

NURSE BETTY: The best movie about a sweet, lost girl from Kansas and her adventures since "The Wizard of Oz." It's also one of the best movies of the year, a deliciously odd and funny movie that manages to be dark and cheering at the same time. Could this really be the work of controversial director Neil LaBute, who brought us those bits of "In the Company of Men" and "In the Company of Women"? Apparently not. What's different is that he's working with someone else's script, so there's actually room to like these characters. Bettine Zellweger plays Betty, a waitress who's a Top diner in Fair Oaks, Kansas, who has a dead husband, a hit man on her trail (Morgan Freeman and Chris Rock), a serious infatuation with a soap opera star (Greg Kinnear) and a case of mental trauma that she believes he's real and they're together. — M. Pols. (R: strong violence, pervasive language and a scene of sexual assault.) 1 hour, 52 minutes. **A**

SAVING GRACE: A light, hilarious English comedy to wash away the ill effects of summer blockbusters. Twice Oscar-nominated Brenda Blethyn ("Secrets & Lies," "Little Voice") leads a seamless cast of character actors. She plays Grace Trevelyan, whose philandering husband has died and left her with a mountain of debt. Looking for a way to get it off, the genteel Grace utilizes her natural talent for gardening and sets up a marijuana farm in her greenhouse. Her former in crime is her gardener, Martin, played with considerable handgloom by Craig Ferguson, who also co-wrote this gem. In the tradition of "Waking Ned Devine," "Saving Grace" takes its strength and charm from its setting, a seaside village in Cornwall where everybody definitely knows everybody's name. Easy to see why this former scooped up the Audience Award at Sundance 2000. — M. Pols. (R: drug content and language.) 1 hour, 33 minutes. **A-**

Events

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Local stereotypes in commercial imagery. Wednesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Live Oak Park, 1275 Walnut St., Berkeley. (510) 644-6893.

California College Of Arts And Crafts

ADDITIONS — "Add/Drop/Add: CCAC Fine Arts Faculty Exhibitions," closing Sept. 16.

Free. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Oliver H. Center, 5212 Broadway, Oakland. (510) 551-9210 or (510) 594-3712.

Art Gallery —

Reges Carlos en Mi Ser (Songs of Love in My Being), through Sept. 30. An exhibit of paintings depicting scenes of Afro-cuban music by Susan Mathews, paintings by Gabriel Navar, and mixed media by Jane Hayes.

Free. Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. 234 Clay St., Oakland. (510) 832-2244.

Creative Growth —

Class Act: The Teaching Exhibition,

through Oct. 13. An exhibit celebrating the symbiotic nature of teacher/student artist relationship.

Free. Monday through Friday, noon to 5:30 p.m.; Sept. 16, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 355 24th St., Oakland. (510) 836-2340.

Graduate Theological Union —

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Free. Tuesday through Friday, noon to 5 p.m. Workshop Media Center Gallery, 1060 Heinz Ave., Berkeley. (510) 549-2977.

Laney College Art Gallery —

"Hem...on the Edge," through Sept. 28. A collaborative exhibit of fashion as art.

Free. Monday and Thursday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. 900 Fallon St., Oakland. (510) 464-3586.

New Pieces Gallery —

"ActaAra/New Zealand Golden Bay Dreaming," through Sept. 28. An exhibit of quilts by Liza Eastman.

"Earth Air Wind Fire," through Sept. 28. An exhibit of dolls by Loree Lee Harper.

Free. Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. 1597 Solano Ave., Berkeley. (510) 527-6779.

Royal Ground Gallery —

"The Magic of Eight," through Oct. 29. An exhibit of painting, collage, mixed media, photography and sculpture.

Free. Daily 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. 2058 Mountain Blvd., Oakland. (510) 339-0348.

British manager, Michael Jefferey.

I can't remember the last time I cranked up the volume all the way on my TV, but I did several times during "Hendrix." His early Greenwich Village shows, his London jam with Eric Clapton that made him a star in the U.K. and Monterey Pop — these knockout performances are all re-created here with surprising fidelity. Despite some historical flaws, this film reminds us of Hendrix's overwhelming talent.

I loved the Beatles and Rolling Stones then and now, and despite music's drug-like power to go right into the brain and recreate time and place, I still can't remember where I was when I first heard their music.

But I can remember exactly where I was when I first heard a Jimi Hendrix record — at a party in college. His music was loud and intense and powerful almost beyond belief. It still is.

Let the Games Begin: NBC's pre-taped Olympics, starting with tonight's Opening Ceremonies from 'Stralia, will be a watershed event for the Internet. Because nothing will be shown live on NBC, I expect tens of millions of people who might otherwise watch to get their Olympic results online this time and forget TV at least some of the time. I also feel safe in

predicting that while the NBC audience will, of course, be large, NBC's share of viewing audience will drop markedly from 1996 because of the Net's increasing pervasiveness. And when the Web isn't luring viewers away, NBC's pervasive up-close-and-personal features on American athletes will drive them away.

KGO Anchor Returns: KTVU expatriate/anchor wannabe Thuy Vu won't be Channel 7's weekend anchor after all; she's only been filling in. That weekend job at 6 and 11 p.m. has gone to cheerful former "ABC-7" morning anchor and rising star Carolyn Johnson. Johnson returns from maternity leave (she had a little boy) a week from tomorrow, Sept. 23. She first came to Channel 7 as an intern fresh out of Stanford 12 years ago.

This Week's NFL Predictions: Sellout crowd at game time, and Raiders 23, Broncos 21. After last weekend's stunning Raider comeback at Indy, I think these guys may be the real deal. We should know for sure this weekend. And the Raiders' ascendance couldn't happen at a better time, given the collapse of the smug San Francisco football dynasty. Go Raiders!

(Questions? Comments? E-mail Bill at Newsman@sonic.net)

Fall

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American soldiers goes through the last phases of boot camp before being sent to Vietnam. Director Joel Schumacher ("Flawless") cast a bunch of unknowns and shot this one quick and cheap.

Oct. 13

"Billy Elliot": On his way to boxing class, an 11-year-old boy (Jamie Bell) stumbles across a ballet school and discovers he was born to pas de deux. But his father and brother aren't too thrilled.

"Bounce": On-again, off-again lovebirds Ben Affleck and Gwyneth Paltrow star in this romance about an advertising exec named Buddy (Affleck) who gives up his seat on a crowded flight so a man can make it home in time for the holidays. After the plane crashes, Buddy feels compelled to meet the late man's wife (Paltrow).

"The Contender": When the vice president dies, a senator (Joan Allen) is chosen by the president (Jeff Bridges) to be the first woman to hold the office. Oscar buzz is extremely high on this political thriller, directed by former film critic Rod Lurie ("Deterrence").

"Dr. T and the Women": What may be Robert Altman's breeziest, most enjoyable comedy in years stars Richard Gere as a successful Dallas gynecologist whose life is ruled by the opposite sex. Helen Hunt, Farrah Fawcett, Shelley Long, Kate Hudson, Liv Tyler and Laura Dern are among the women making the doc's life both heaven and hell.

"The Ladies Man": The profoundly unfunny "Saturday Night Live" skit — about the world's grooviest expert on love ("Tim Meadows") — is now a movie. **"Lost Souls":** Winona Ryder plays a woman who discovers a satanic conspiracy that threatens the world. The directorial debut of cinematographer Janusz Kaminski ("Saving Private Ryan," "Schindler's List") has been sitting on a shelf for more than a year. What's that smell?

Oct. 20

"A Room for Romeo Brass": Two 12-year-old boys — the tough, husky Romeo (Andrew Shim) and the frail Gavin (Ben Marshall) — are unlikely, but inseparable, best friends. Then the new kid in town changes all that. Coming-of-age, U.K. style, from director Shane Meadows ("TwentyFourSeven").

"Bedazzled": Brendan Fraser stars as a computer dweeb who asks the devil (Elizabeth Hurley) to help land the girl of his dreams. Naturally, there will be hell to pay. Directed by Harold Ramis ("Groundhog Day").

"Pay It Forward": Kevin Spacey is a social studies teacher who gives his students an unusual assignment: Come up with an idea to change the world for the better. Haley Joel Osment ("The Sixth Sense") is the kid who comes up with one doozy of a brainstorm. Helen Hunt is his frazzled single mother.

"Requiem for a Dream": The second film from writer-director Darren Aronofsky ("Pi") is a harrowing, visually startling drama about drug addiction. Jared Leto, Jennifer Connelly, Marion Weyans and Ellen Burstyn (in a remarkable performance) are the four poor souls on a downward spiral. This is as disturbing as movies get. The movie has been slapped with an NC-17 rating, and distributor Artisan Entertainment is releasing it that way.

"The Yards": Mark Wahlberg is fresh out of prison and eager to stay out of trouble. But just when he thinks he's out, his shady uncle (James Caan) and his even shadier best friend (Joaquin Phoenix) pull him back in.

Oct. 27

"Book of Shadows: Blair Witch 2": This sequel to last summer's surprise smash follows four more young adults who venture into the haunted woods. Directed by Joe Berlinger, co-director of the acclaimed documentaries "Brother's Keeper" and "Paradise Lost: The Child Murders at Robin Hood Hills." Admit it: You're skeptical, but curious.

"Lucky Numbers": John Travolta is a TV weatherman scheming to rig the state lottery. Lisa Kudrow is his partner in crime. A change of pace for director Nora Ephron ("You've Got Mail").

Nov. 3

"Charlie's Angels": The trailers for this \$90 million update of the 1970s TV series make it look like "The Matrix" with bikinis. As the angels, Cameron Diaz, Drew Barrymore and Lucy Liu guarantee the jiggle factor will remain high. Directed by someone named McG.

"The Legend of Bagger Vance": Robert Redford ("Quiz Show," "The Horse Whisperer") directed this adaptation of Steven Pressfield's novel about the friendship between a World War I veteran (Matt Damon) and his golf caddy (Will Smith).

"Red Planet": In the 21st century, Earth's natural resources are about to be depleted, and mankind's only hope for survival is to move — to Mars. Val Kilmer, Carrie-Anne Moss, Tom Sizemore and Benjamin Bratt are among the astronauts trying to find out if the new digs are hospitable to mankind.

Nov. 10

"Little Nicky": The inexplicably popular Adam Sandler stars as the son of Satan, forced to go to New York City and rein in his two boorish brothers



CHRISTOPHER GUEST, directs and stars in "Best in Show," a mockumentary about the antics leading up to a nationally televised

before they bring about the Apocalypse. History has taught us never to expect much from Sandler's comedies, but this one sounds promising. Harvey Keitel co-stars as the devil, and Rodney Dangerfield is Grandpa Satan.

"Men of Honor": Drama based on the real-life story of Carl Brashear, the first African-American Navy diver. Cuba Gooding Jr. is the ambitious third-class sailor determined to get into the Navy's dive school; Robert De Niro is the training officer who makes it his job to discourage the young upstart.

Nov. 17

"Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas": An unrecognized Jim Carrey plays the green-skinned recluse, out to ruin Christmas for the good people of Whoville. Ron Howard ("Apollo 13") directs this lavish, special-effects-intensive adaptation of the classic children's book.

"The 6th Day": Expect less action and more acting in the latest Arnold Schwarzenegger sci-fi extravaganza, about a man who discovers he's been replaced by a clone. Directed by Roger Spottiswoode, whose last film was the James Bond film "Tomorrow Never Dies."

"Rugrats in Paris — The Movie": Not to be confused with "Rugrats" — the TV show.

Nov. 22

"102 Dalmatians": Glenn Close returns as the hammy Cruella DeVil, out to make life hell for the personable pups again. Gerard Depardieu is her partner in crime, a French fur peddler. Run, Spot, run!

"Quills": Philip Kaufman ("Henry

& June," "The Right Stuff") directs this drama about the last decade in the life of the Marquis de Sade (Geoffrey Rush), rotting away in a mental institution. Joaquin Phoenix and Kate Winslet play two of de Sade's fans, while Michael Caine is the disciplinarian assigned to reform him.

"Unbreakable": Bruce Willis and writer-director M. Night Shyamalan ("The Sixth Sense") reunite for this thriller about a man who is impervious to any kind of physical damage. The plot is being kept under tight wraps, which means you can expect another surprise ending.

November TBA

"Cherry Falls": Is there anything new left to be done with the teen thriller genre? Australian director Geoffrey Wright ("Romper Stomper") promises a few new wrinkles in this tale about a serial killer preying on the horny teens of a small Virginia town.

"In the Mood For Love": Wong Kar-wai ("Chungking Express," "Happy Together") wrote and directed this sumptuous, old-fashioned romance between a newspaper editor (Tony Leung Chiu-wai) and a secretary (Maggie Cheung Man-yuk) in 1962 Hong Kong. Winner of Best Actor and Grand Prix du Technique (for editing and cinematography) at the Cannes film festival.

"Original Sin": The gossip from the set of this set-in-Cuba thriller about a wealthy coffee planter (Antonio Banderas) and his American mail-order bride (Angelina Jolie) was that the two leads dove into their love scenes a little too enthusiastically. Naturally, we don't believe such trashy rumors.



"URBAN LEGENDS: Final Cut," with Jennifer Morrison, Joseph Lawrence and Matthew Davis, hits theaters Sept. 22.

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Calendar

Submissions to the Community Calendar must be received Thursdays one week prior to publication. Listings are on a space-availability basis.

Children

Luna Kids Dance (LKD) offers dance and acting classes for children and teens ages 3-17 in a fun and supportive environment. Locations: Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave.; El Cerrito, Contra Costa Civic Theater, 951 Pomona Ave.; Oakland, Glenview Performing Arts Center, 1318 Glenfield Ave. and Montclair Women's Cultural Arts Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd. For more information, call the LKD central office at 530-4113.

LGBTQ Parent and Prospective Parent Groups meet the first Saturday of the month 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with concurrent childcare. All groups meet at the Pacific Center at 2712 Telegraph Ave. in Berkeley. Donations are requested, but not required. For information or to RSVP, contact Anna at familyprogram@yahoo.com or 415-789-8560 classes.

The Ann Martin Children's Center offers eight "Support Groups For Mothers," sessions for first time mothers and babies their babies under 5 months. Experienced facilitator. For information: 524-0821

Lawrence Hall of Science, UC Berkeley's public science museum and center for K-12 science and math education offers three residential summer science camps, including two camps held at actual University of California field research stations; and three Sierra backpacking summer science camps. Each camp emphasizes fun outdoor science explorations through hands-on, inquiry-based activities, as well as lots of traditional camp fun. Each camp has a unique theme, and is designed for a specific age group. Call 642-2275 or e-mail to: linfo@uclink.berkeley.edu. To register, call 642-5134

"Theater Rats," Julia Morgan's kid's theater camp program, offers swimming, singing, dancing, acting, and field games as some of its exciting activities. The camp is a two-week session for kids 6-14. Call 883-7023 for additional information

Health

Charcot Marie Tooth (CMT) support group meets Saturdays bi-monthly at West Berkeley Library, 1125 University Ave. from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. CMT is a neurogenetic disorder. Call 524-3506 for additional information.

YWCA Health and Community Education: drop in classes in dance, fitness, yoga, martial arts and more. University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way; 848-6370; \$8 - \$10.

Community

"An Evening with Eva Yarmo," takes place on Saturday, Sept. 16 at the Sante Fe Bar and Grill, 1310 University Ave. The event begins at 6 p.m. with no-host cocktails, dinner at 7 p.m. There is a special performance by "My Sister, My Sister," combining poetry and photography. The evening, sponsored by Women's Daytime Drop-In Center, is dedicated to an understanding of the impact of homelessness on women and children. Tickets are \$100. For more information, contact Carla Dimontsen, WDDC Board Secretary at 595-7721.

The Claremont Resort and Spa, 41 Tunnel Road, hosts the Alta Bates Breast Cancer Center Benefit on Thursday, Sept. 28, 6:30 p.m. The gala event features a wine and hors d'oeuvres reception and a Fall Fashion Workshop presented by Nordstrom and noted image consultant Anthea Tolmer. The models are all cancer survivors. The workshop will showcase looks appropriate for both working and non-working moms. Cost: \$50. For reservations, contact Annie Appel at 843-3000 ext. 290 or visit the Web site at www.claremontresort.com

Albany YMCA is hiring staff for After-school programs in Berkeley and Albany for Afterschool programs in Berkeley and Albany. Site coordinator, recreation coordinator. Complete an application or send fax resume to Albany YMCA 921 Kains Ave., Albany, CA 94706. Fax 525-1769.

"Hecho en Califas," La Pena Cultural Center's week-long series is Wednesday Sept. 20 through Sunday, Sept. 24. The series mixes several genres; spoken word, performance, live music etc. For additional information, call 849-2568 ext. 15 for additional information.

The San Pablo Neighborhood Council, Berkeley's oldest and historic neighborhood association, celebrates its 50th anniversary on Saturday, Sept. 23, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at San Pablo Park, Oregon and Ward Streets. There will be games for children, vendors, food and drink, softball, basketball and tennis tournaments, live entertainment, talent show, and recognition of the founders. City Service information booth will be available. Volunteers are still welcomed. For additional information, call 845-4951.

The North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst/MLK Jr. Way, presents a Golden Age Party, honoring seniors over 90 years old. The center is a non-profit se-

nior citizen center dedicated to serving the Berkeley community. For more information, call Maggie or Suzanne at 644-6107.

The Women's Cancer Resource Center, 1581 University Ave., will provide information at Wild Oats Market as part of its Women's Health Day. Help support the center and also enjoy free chair massages, spinal screenings, nutritional consulting and product samples. The center provides information, support and direct services to women with cancer in the Bay Area and nationally. Call Tammy Dyson, volunteer coordinator at 548-9286 ext. 304 for additional information.

Berkeley Higashi Honganji Church, 1524 Oregon St. (near Ashby Avenue), presents a Ohtani Bazaar. There will be games, prizes and activities for the children. Also Japanese food (Teriyaki chicken, sushi, udon noodles and more. Free admission. Bring the family. Call 843-6933 for additional information.

Turning Point at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, sponsors Resume Clinics on Tuesday afternoons, or by appointment. To sign up for an appointment, leave a message several days before you would like to meet. Anne Levine Ph.D. has a background in Design and Education. For the past 10 years, she has assisted in producing numerous resumes as part of her desktop publishing business. Call 848-6370 for additional information.

Marion Rosen, founder of Rosen Method bodywork and movement, presents the Method through lecture, demonstration, and experiential practice. Rosen is joined in the presentation by Sara Webb, Senior Teacher of Rosen Method bodywork. Location: Feldenkrais Resources, 8300 Bancroft Way. Admission: \$10. Reservations are strongly recommended. For more information or to make a reservation, contact Abby Paige, at 845-6606.

Berkeley's Office of Emergency Services presents a new series of free Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) classes. The classes give basic, practical information, including hands-on training in fire suppression, light search and rescue, and disaster first aid. All classes are held at the fire department's Emergency Operations Center, 937 Cedar St. The classes are open to everyone, 18 or older, who lives or works in Berkeley. To register, or for more information, call the Office of Emergency Services, 644-8736.

Berkeley Art Museum, Pacific Film Archive offers a guided tour of Equal Partner: Men and Women Principals in Contemporary Architectural Practice presented by graduate students from the UC-Berkeley Department of Architecture, College of Environmental Design on Alternating Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. and on Sundays at 2 p.m. For additional information call 642-0808.

Overeaters Anonymous meet Fridays at 1:30 PM at the Northbrae Community Church in Berkeley, 941 The Alameda between Solano and Marin avenues, in Room 2—the childcare room—parents may bring their children. This organization is for individuals who eat compulsively? For further information, call Katherine at 525-5231.

Toastmasters, do it now. Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice Tuesday, noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Call 883-6708 for additional information.

Civil Rights activists needed. Write the ACLU chapter of Berkeley, Albany, Richmond, and Kensington. P.O. Box 11141, Berkeley, CA, 94701.

"Work Buddies," volunteers needed to perform volunteer work with people in early stage Alzheimer's Disease. Minimum six-month commitment, two to three hours per week. Training provided. Contact Nannette Lipton, 644-8292.

Psychic Healing clinic; 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays; free clinic at the Academy for Psychic Studies in Berkeley, aura cleansing, stress relief; 1-800-642-9355.

SMART project; the Alcohol Research Group in Berkeley is conducting a study to compare the cost and effectiveness of two kinds of substance abuse day treatment: medical model day treatment and social model day treatment. By calling 1-888-249-8802 and agreeing to do three interviews, individuals chosen for the study receive free treatment at existing treatment programs.

The Edible Scholaryard, an organic gardening and cooking program at Berkeley's King Middle School, seeks volunteers to work with students, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 558-1335 for information.

English-in-Action lets you make friends from around the world. Volunteer as a conversation partner with a foreign UC scholar/student for one hour a week. YWCA, at Berkeley, Call 843-9716.

Women's Daytime Drop-in Center in Berkeley; serving women who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, needs volunteers. The Center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Volunteers are needed for morning and afternoon shifts. For more information, call 466-5663.

Exhibits

The UC Berkeley Art Museum Pacific Film Archive continues its exhibit "Mandala: The Architecture of Enlightenment," through Sept. 17. A mandala is an ancient Hindu and Buddhist graphic symbol of the universe—a cosmic diagram that functions as a powerful aid to meditation and concentration. The exhibit is at the New PFA Theater, 2626 Bancroft Way. Museum admission: General admission: \$6, seniors and students 12-18 \$4, UC Berkeley students, children under 12 are free. Group tour members \$3. Free hours: Thursday 11 a.m.-noon, and 5-9 p.m. Call the museum's 24-hour recorded message BAA 642-0808 or PFA at 642-1124 for additional information.

The Richmond Art Center, 2540 Barrett Ave., continues its exhibit "Hecho En Califas: The Last Decade 1990-1999" through Nov. 11. Thirty-one California Latino, Chicano and Indigenous artists are featured in this traveling exhibition.

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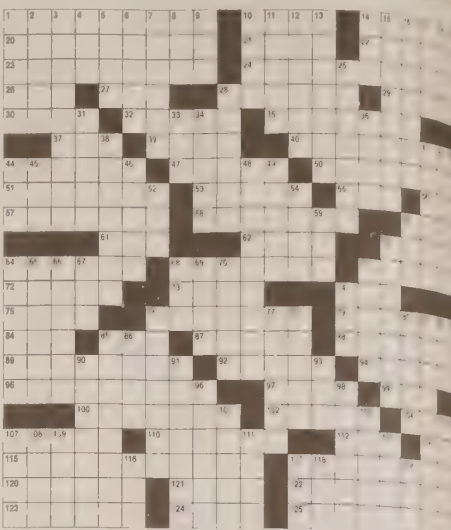
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The event examines issues and movements that have shaped the visual arts vocabulary in California during the last 10 years. The exhibit includes painting, sculpture, photography, prints, collage and digital media. Artists' reception: Saturday, Sept. 16, 2-3:30 p.m. Gallery hours: Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday, 12 noon to 4:30 p.m. Free admission; wheelchair accessible. Call 620-6772 or visit the Web site at info@therac.org for additional information.

East Bay Women Artists continues its exhibit at the Alta Bates Medical Center Art Gallery, 2450 Ashby Ave. through Oct. 22. Hours: 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. The exhibit includes paintings, prints, photographs, collages and sculptures. For further information, contact Shirley Warwick 339-0348 or Lynda Robinson at 925-254-6973.

The New Pieces Gallery, 1605 Solano Ave., continues its exhibit of wall hangings from Aotearoa, New Zealand from the collection of artist Lisa Eastman. The exhibit continues through Sept. 28. Hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 10-6, Sunday, noon to 5. For additional information, call 527-6779.

The Press House Gallery at Buena Vista Winery presents an exhibition of recent paintings by Berkeley artist Donna Dugway, through Oct. 15. Dugway's work can also be seen at the Collectors Gallery of the Oakland Museum. The Press House Gallery is located at the end of Old Winery Road. The exhibition and reception are free. Gallery hours:

10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Additional information is available by calling the artist at 595-7510.

The City of El Cerrito presents Open City Studio ongoing classes on Mondays, 7-9 p.m. Experience with clay is helpful, but not necessary. Opportunities will be provided for students to explore areas of clay work. Demonstrations and instruction will be provided on requests. Admission: \$7.50 residents, \$9.38 nonresidents. The location: Tassajara Pottery Center, 2575 Tassajara Boulevard. For more information, call Rick at 215-4371.

Julie Schiller "Black and White Portraits," exhibit continues through Sept. 31, Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. The exhibit is at the Berkeley Bowl, 2020 Oregon St.

"Ceramics Today: A Survey, Bay Area and Beyond," an all outdoor show of contemporary ceramic sculpture by 15 Northern California artists continues through Oct. 8 at A New Leaf Gallery, 1286 Gilman St. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. For additional information, visit the Web site at www.anewleafgallery.com.

Turn of the Century Fine Arts, 2510 San Pablo Ave., presents the exhibit "Hot Summer Salon," through Sept. 30. Paintings, drawings, sculpture, furniture, clocks and objects d'art by twelve curating artists. Gallery Hours: Saturday, and Sunday, 1-6 p.m. or by appointment. Call 849-0950 or 800-849-6059 for additional information. The UC Berkeley Art Museum and Pa-

cific Film Archive, 2625 Durant Ave., presents "Mandala: The Architecture of Enlightenment," a collection of more than 40 Mandalas, through Sept. 17. Hours: Wednesday, Sunday, 11-5, Thursday, 11-9 p.m. Admission: General \$6, seniors and students \$4; members, UC Berkeley students and children under 12 are free. Call 642-0808 for additional information

"Snowmen in Summer" a solo exhibition by Carrie Lederer takes place at the John F. Kennedy Arts Annex, 2956 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. Gallery hours Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For additional information call 649-0499.

Alta Bates Medical Center presents work by members of the California Watercolor Association at its Community Art Gallery, 2450 Ashby Ave., Berkeley. The gallery is in the main corridor to the left of the information desk and main entrance. Call 204-4444 for additional information. New Pieces Gallery presents a list of artists for the year 1999. Located on Solano Avenue, New Pieces is the only gallery which shows quilts and soft cloth sculptures and dolls exclusively. The gallery is open during store business hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday Noon to 5 p.m. except major holidays. Details 527-6779.

Literary Events
The Whole Note Series features poets Juan Sequera and Jan Lewis on Tuesday, Sept. 26, 7 p.m. at the Beane 2925 College Ave. Open mic. Host: Jesse Beagle. Call 549-9 for more information or visit the Web site at jesse@juno.com

Judith Gifford, author of *The Packing Book: Secrets of the Carry-On Travel* presents her popular demonstration how to pack for three weeks, two mates in one manageable carry-on bag. The free presentation takes place at the Easy Going Travel Shop and Bookstore, 1385 Shattuck Ave. For additional information, call 843-3533.

The Reading Edge is available for use at the Berkeley Public Library, Alston Way. This computer scans printed text and reads it back aloud with a synthesized voice. It's available for anyone with a disability that requires use to access print material. Users must complete a brief training session before using the Reading Edge and that, reservations are needed. For a Reference Desk at 644-6648 to set up a training session

Meetings

Berkeley Toastmasters Club meets monthly, on the first and third Tuesdays at 2515 Hilegass Ave. The club specializes in developing its communication and public speaking skills in the field of metaphysics. The group also learn from each other through short speeches. Call Odette Lardé at 869-2547 or 643-7645

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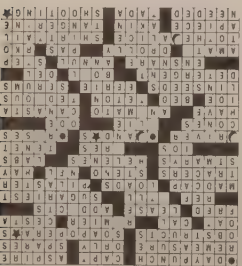
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The Kensington Senior Activity Center meets on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Arlington Community Center, 52 Arlington Ave. The center's community program of life-long learning is presented by the West Contra Costa Adult School. Attend any class or event you choose. Everyone over 55 is welcome. Call 526-9146 or 547-1969 for additional information.

The YWCA offers free orientations every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. of its Turning Point Career Center, 2600 Bancroft Way. The orientations outline the center's resources and the variety of workshops it offers to the public. For additional information, call 648-6370.

The Berkeley Camera Club meets every Tuesday evening, 7:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. Participants share slides and prints and learn what other photographers are doing. Monthly field trips. Call Wade for information, 531-8664.

Speak Smart! Join Beijing Express Toastmasters. The Smart Club! Meetings take place each Monday, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at Peking Express Restaurant, 2068 Center St. For additional information call 549-9871.

Toastmasters Meeting: Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice with us. Every Tuesday, Noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave., Berkeley. Call 883-6708 for additional information.

Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) meets every Thursday evening at the First Baptist Church, Richmond, on Solano below Arlington. Call Betty Coates 235-0490 for more information.

Joy of Yiddish: Yiddish conversation at 1 p.m. at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst. Call 644-6107 for additional information. The Berkeley Communicators Toastmasters Club meet on the first and third Wednesday of the month from 7:15 to 8:30 a.m. at the Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant. Details: 524-3765.

The Berkeley Arthritis Support and Education Group meets on the second Tuesday of each month (except December) 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the Maffly Auditorium, Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. Dr. Brian Kaye, a rheumatologist, has treated many patients with various types of arthritis and will be available for questions. For additional information call 204-4503.

Toastmasters on Campus meet the second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at the English Language Program Building, 2515 Hillegass. Details: 704-1822.

Public speaking skills and metaphysics come together at Avatar Metaphysical Toastmasters. On-going meetings first and third Thursdays, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., 2515 Hillegass Ave., Call 869-2547 for details.

Spirituality and Healing: Voices of Healing Story Circles. Spiritually oriented healing group for people living with life-threatening illness. Meets second Wednesday of each month in North Berkeley. Call 528-1235 for information.

Male Health Toastmasters Club meet every second, third and fourth Thurs-

day of the month from 12:10 to 1:10 p.m. at the State Health building, 2151 Berkeley Way. Details: 649-7750.

Higher Alignment: 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Mondays: fun, informative seminars creating spiritual partnerships; Feldenkrais Center, 830 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, (415) 461-5337; \$20.

Alta Bates Support Groups - Arthritis Support Group meets the second Tuesday of every month; 1 - 2:30 p.m.; 204-4503. Call for additional special events.

Overeaters Anonymous: a 12 step program providing free aid for those with eating problems, meets in Berkeley every Saturday at 8:30 a.m. (newcomers at 8 a.m.) at St. John's Church, 2727 College Ave. and in Richmond every Thursday at 7 p.m. at Kaiser Hospital, 901 Nevin (take Elevator C to the third floor). For further information, call 273-9292.

TOPS: 9:30 a.m., Mondays; Take Pounds Off Sensibly, Albany Chapter meets at 980 Stannage St. at Marin; 233-2948 or Karen, 525-6858.

Avatar Metaphysical Toastmasters: meetings on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month from 6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Call 643-7645.

Toastmasters: noon - 1 p.m. Tuesdays; stand up and say what you mean; practice with the toastmasters; 700 Heinz Ave., Berkeley; 883-6708.

Alta Bates Rehabilitation Center and East Bay Neurology sponsors a free monthly stroke support group. No advance reservations are required, drop-in anytime. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Maffly Auditorium on Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight way, Berkeley. Details: 204-4503.

Music

Cal Performances, UC Berkeley presents Brazil's popular female vocalist Marisa Monte on Monday, Sept. 25, 8 p.m. in Zellerbach Hall. Monte's musical style ranges from Afro-Brazilian rhythm to north American pop to the avant-garde. Tickets: \$20, \$26, and \$32. For tickets, call 642-9988.

The Womansong Circle presents its monthly musical gathering for women. The next Circle meeting is Friday, Sept. 15, with a light potluck at 6:30 p.m. and music from 7:15 to 9:30 p.m. at the Berkeley Unitarian Fellowship, at Cedar and Bonita streets. A donation is requested. Call 525-7082 or email betrose@sirsu.com for further information.

The San Francisco Early Music Society presents the renowned early music ensemble The Newberry Consort in "Music for Saints and Sinners: Cosmology and the Occult in the Middle Ages," on

Saturday, Sept. 23, 8 p.m. at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave. Tickets: \$22 or \$19. For more information about the concert series and other SFEMS programs call 528-1725 or visit the Web site at www.sfems.org.

The Z Space Studio, in association with Arugula Entertainment, presents "Fanny at Chez Panisse," a new musical by Joe Landon based on the book by Alice Waters with Bob Carrau and Patricia Curtan. The production continues through Oct. 29, 7 p.m., Wednesdays through Sundays at the Julia Morgan Theatre, 2640 College Ave. Tickets: \$26-\$34 (discounts available). Call Community Box Office at 1-888-FANNY06 for additional information.

The Berkeley Contemporary Music Players, under the direction of David Milnes, presents its first concert of the season on Monday, Sept. 25, 8 p.m. at Hertz Hall, UC Berkeley. The program features Luigi Nono, Sofferte onde serene for piano and tape; Charles Dodge, Viola Elegy; Morton Feldman, The Viola in My Life (part 3); Sofia Gubaidulina, In Croce for cello and organ, and UC Professor Edwin Dugger's Sinfonia for organ and computer-generated sound. Tickets: \$8, \$6 and \$2. Call 642-9988 or 642-4864 for ticket or more information.

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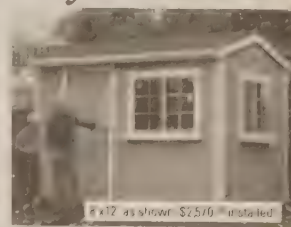
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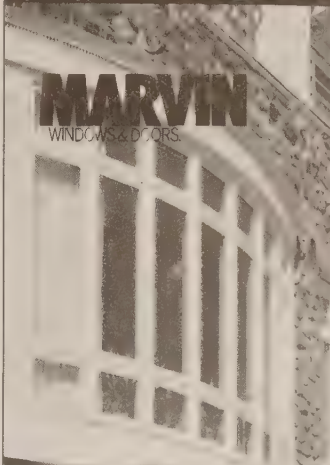


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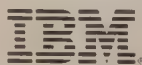
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The Grief Care Community offers 8 week bereavement support groups as well as art therapy grief groups, and individual support. Call 540-0830 for additional information.

The local self-help group for Berkeley National Multiple Sclerosis Society meets periodically. Call Toni at 653-4534 for additional information.

Alta Bates Medical Center Herick Campus offers a guided relaxation and visualization for people with cancer every Thursday, 5-6 p.m. at its Comprehensive Cancer Center, first floor Conference Room, 2001 Dwight Way. The Center offers this solution with an innovative approach to reducing stress and anxiety and creating positive, life-affirming images. Call 204-1811 for additional information. Call 204-1811 for additional information.

Alta Bates Medical Center, offers a Grief Education Class every third Saturday of each month, 10 a.m. to noon at ABMC Herick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. The class covers common and personal grief reactions. Fee: \$10. No one refused due to inability to pay. For further information, contact 841-2930.

Alta Bates Medical Center, 2001 Dwight Way, offers support group classes for stroke survivors and their families and friends on the first Tuesday of the month, from 4-5 p.m. at the Herick Campus of Alta Bates Medical Center. There is no admission charge and advance registration is not necessary. Call 204-4503 for additional information.

The Comprehensive Cancer Center and Breast Center Salon, Alta Bates Medical Center, 3001 Dwight Way, offers a support group for friends and families coping with cancer. The support group is offered on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. This is a free service. Call 204-1811 for additional information.

The Lupus Foundation of Northern California is still accepting applications for its Youth Pilot Support Program currently underway at Lucille Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford. The group meets monthly and is open to teens suffering from lupus and other rheumatic diseases. For more information, call (408) 954-8600 or visit www.balf.org.

The City of Berkeley Portable Meals program desperately needs drivers to deliver 15 meals once a week to home-bound seniors. Call 644-8590.

The North Berkeley Senior Center is also seeking volunteers to work in its gift shop, coffee bar and dining area three to four hours, one day a week. Call 644-6107.

The Berkeley Arthritis Support and Education group presents Dorothea Dorenz, a state certified massage and movement therapist, who teaches self-healing methods. Bring a small pillow, and wear loose, comfortable clothing. For directions or more information, call 204-4503.

Lecture/Workshop

"Detecting Diseases of Public Health Importance," is the subject of the Brown Bag Career Talk at the Turning Point Career Center on Tuesday, Sept. 19, 12-1 p.m. Linda Guthertz, Public Health Microbiologist, works to detect diseases of public health importance. She has also been a microbiologist for the US Army and an instructor in Microbiology. This workshop is \$3 at the door. The center, a program of the YWCA, is located at 2600 Bancroft Way. For more information, call 848-6370.

The East Bay Heritage Quilters present a lecture "Collaborations: Joys and Pitfalls. What Gets Me Out of Bed," by Wendy Huen, on Monday, Sept. 25, 7:30 p.m. The event takes place at 1 Lawson Road-Moesser Lane at Arlington in Kensington. Admission: Members free, non-members \$3. For more information, call Sonia Callahan at 834-3706 or Jill Smith at 653-9534.

The Ecumenical Peace Institute, and the Berkeley Fellowship of UU Social Action present an "Interfaith Brunch and Community Gathering," on Friday, Sept. 15, 10:30 a.m. - noon at the Berkeley Friends Church, 1600 Sacramento at Cedar. Denis Halliday, former UN Assistant Secretary-General speaks on the topic "Lift the Sanctions on Iraq." All welcome, donation requested. No one turned away. For further information, call Carolyn Scarr at 527-8370.

Dr. Judith Lewis Herman, Clinical Profes-

sor of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School, and author of "Trauma and Recovery," is keynote speaker for the international conference "Who Owns the Body." The conference takes place Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Sept. 20-23 at the UC Berkeley International House. The keynote speech is Wednesday, Sept. 20, at 7:30 p.m. at Wheeler Hall, UC Berkeley Campus. Topic: "Modern Slavery and the New Abolitionists." Conference program and free registration. Call 642-6671 or visit the Web site at www.chance.berkeley.edu/research, for more information.

The YWCA offers free orientations of its Turning Point Career Center. The orientations outline the resources available to the public as well as the different things that the center has to offer such as a great variety of workshops. They are held every Tuesday, at 1:30 p.m. The Turning Point Career Center is located at 2600 Bancroft Way. For more information, call 848-6370.

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"What is Meditation," is a peaceful and practical introduction to the basics of meditation. The free seminar takes place at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 2352 Shattuck Ave. Prigito Dove is the facilitator. Call 644-0861 for additional information.

Emotions Anonymous: Twelve-Step meetings every Sunday at 8 p.m. Call 236-8226 for Berkeley location.

Religion

Buddhist teacher June Rosenberg will demonstrate how teachings from Tibetan Lama Tarthang Tulku's book "Knowledge

of Freedom," can be applied in daily life. The discussion is on Sept. 17, 6-7 p.m. at the Tibetan Nyingma Institute, 1815 High

land Place. The event is free. Call 843-6812 for more information. Sylvia Gretchen, dean of Nyingma Stud

ies at the Nyingma Institute, will discuss how to "The Positive Power of Tibetan Buddhist Practice," on Sept. 24, 6-7 p.m.

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Chrysler 300M inspires handling confidence

Keane on Wheels

By Tom Keane

The 300M is Chrysler's return to the letter series that began in 1955 with the C-300. My guess is the letter M stands for Marvelous.

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Drive, She Said



By Denise McCluggage

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Welch approached its 50th anniversary with a lot of folks expecting a nostalgic, spectacular, commemorative model. Instead, the company received a spruced-up version of the 1952 Ford and the most highly regarded flathead V8 engine since it was introduced in 1932. (The flathead was replaced in 1954 with an overhead-valve Y-block V8.)

The most popular 1953 model was the 100-door Customline, which was built in such large numbers that 374,487 such models were manufactured. Each one of those cars weighed 3,154 pounds, cost \$1,628 base price, and rode a 115-inch wheelbase supported by 6.70x15-inch tires.

One of those Fords was purchased in Virginia, and the original owner kept it in very good condition for 30 years. When his son took ownership, the car was at that advanced age — became a reliable daily transporter.

When the son was transferred to the Pacific Northwest in 1989, the 36-year-old Ford was one of the items deemed "household baggage." It was parked on the family's front lawn with a "For Sale" sign in the window. Gene Welch saw the car as he passed by, but his schedule prevented him from stopping.

A couple of weeks later, Welch inquired about the car. He and the son agreed to take a rainy weekend trip to take a route that took them to the Ford for sale. What a surprise. When he saw the Ford still there, Welch decided to stop and give it a rainy-day once-over. Impressed with the car, he offered the owner a check, and the deal was made.

Welch got in, twisted the ignition switch, and when the old flathead V8 roared over, he says, "The hair on my arms stood up." He drove his prize car in the rain with his wife close behind. The odometer showed a total of 100 miles.

Just before Welch left for home, the former owner related that the car had been in a movie set in Baltimore. "The

'53 FORD CUSTOMLINE features the final product of flathead V8 technology. But the engine went out of production the following year, and was replaced by the overhead-valve Y-block V8.



Diner." Because of filming, the vehicle had been painted an unauthentic green. Welch discovered that 1953 Fords were available in 12 single colors or 14 two-tone combinations. He soon had the dent-free Ford repainted the original Hawthorn green.

After driving the car home with no trouble, Welch reports, "it'll run 55 to 60 mph easily." He inspected his new-old Ford, discovering that besides detailing it needed tires. The original upholstery, he admits, "isn't great, but it is original."

The car never had a heater, which was an extra cost accessory in 1953. Welch usually refrains from driving his antique Ford in the winter if the roads have been chemically treated, so the absence of a heater proved to be a non-

issue. Happily, every other item on the car works beautifully.

Six interior color options were available in 1953. Although Welch will eventually have to reupholster the interior, he's going to put the task off as long as the original remains serviceable.

The original, untouched, 239.4-cubic-inch flathead V8 in the 1953 Ford is the culmination of 21 years of improvement. "My first car was a 1940 Ford standard," Welch says, "and when I hear this engine start, I have that certain feeling."

More than a decade has passed since Welch bought the handsome car with features no longer found on modern cars, such as a sun visor or wing-vent windows on all four doors. The familiar sound of a flathead Ford V8 is

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By Vern Parker

deflected by an authentic Ford exhaust deflector.

After all these years Welch has difficulty describing that certain intangible. "You only feel it when you drive a flathead V8 Ford," he explains. If you have to ask, you wouldn't understand.

If you have an antique car of interest to "Classic Classics" readers, write to Vern Parker detailing its merits (Please, no inquiries about selling or buying vehicles.) His address: 2221 Abbottsford Drive, Vienna, VA 22181

Doctor

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per hour. The other new advertisement is the lockup torque converter slides, not just banging in upon engagement.

Dear Doctor: I took my 1998 Nissan Maxima to the dealer because the brake fluid was coming on. Before the dealer opened the hood he said the brake pads were worn and needed to be replaced. A technician started working on the

car at 3:21 and finished the job at 4:18; that is only 57 minutes. The cost was \$167, including the inspection. Do you think the brake pads were worn? Was the cost of replacement pads too high?

Virender
Dear Virender: Most newer vehicles have a sensor in the brake reservoir to activate the brake light on the dash when the brake fluid is low. Low brake fluid indicates the pads have worn down, or there is a leak in the hydraulic system. Some vehicles also have brake pad wear sensors that will cause a squeal and/or turn on a brake

light. The cost of the service is a bit above the average for pad replacement. The factory pads seem to be a better quality than most aftermarket pads sold today.

Dear Doctor: I purchased a new 2000 Mercury Grand Marquis in Florida this past spring. I had the dealer install a half-vinyl roof. Now, back in New York, whenever it rains there is water in the trunk. The local dealer has not been able to find where the water is coming from. What should I do? Arnold

Dear Arnold: The first thing you

did wrong was not having the vinyl roof factory-installed. The local dealer and Ford Motor Co. do not have to fix this problem under warranty. I would never suggest the addition of any type of cloth or vinyl roof. They cause wind noise on the highway, cut down on fuel economy, not to mention cause leaks. I would call the dealer in Florida. They will probably suggest you either take the car to a dealer or another roof installer. If you have no luck with this roof, go to a local body shop or aftermarket roof installer in New York.

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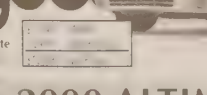
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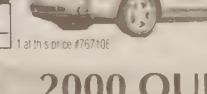
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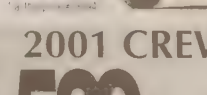
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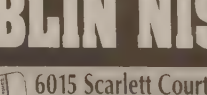
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Keep it simple for more RVing family fun

By Jeff Johnston

An RV can be a complicated thing to some people, and using one can appear to present a difficult array of systems and mechanicals that must be understood for effective use. At the same time, some people tend to make RV use more complex than it needs to be.

It's true that to use an RV you need to learn a variety of mechanical skills. The RV's water, propane and electrical systems must be understood, and use of the campground dumping facilities, driving and parking the RV, and other skills can add up to a lot to learn at first. But RVers can do a lot to make this whole process much easier on themselves, and thus, more fun, by keeping their RVing as simple as possible.

I remember very well the efforts my parents went through when my family went camping in our tiny 16-foot Red Ball trailer back when I was a wee lad. Mom and Dad believed in the kitchen sink philosophy in that our RV camping time was hardly different than our time at home. Every aspect of home life was duplicated in that tiny trailer. They spent so much time packing the rig, carrying on our daily routines and then cleaning up afterward that it was a lot of work for them. And we didn't go camping often enough for them to get the system worked down to its bare necessities.

RVers can simplify their camping time in a variety of ways.

Meals can be simplified and are a big area where RVing can be more fun. For example, we almost always plan meals that present fewer cleanup chores than possible alternatives. A bacon, eggs and hash browns breakfast, for example, produces greasy splatters, odors and dirty pans that must be cleaned, while cold or hot cereal, fresh fruit and the like leave very little aftereffect. Preplanned meals that are made up in advance, frozen into sealed plastic storage bags and popped into a microwave or oven once at camp can make for hassle-free meals.

If the weather is agreeable, we cook outdoors on a tripod grill over the campfire. Disposable paper or plastic plates, and drinking and eating utensils help make kitchen cleanup a snap.

Teach kids that when camping, they don't get five changes of clothing per day as they may do at home. Many kids take Mom's laundry duties for granted and change clothes as often as their daily "social whims" dictate. Unless they get hopelessly



A LITTLE FORETHOUGHT will make RVing fun, instead of a chore.

muddy or wet, one set of clothes per day will do them on a camping trip. Give each kid something like a small duffel bag to pack with personal toys for each RV trip, and make the kids responsible for their own stuff.

Evaluate the clothing and personal gear you stash in the RV before each trip and decide if you really need it. Keep your RV partly packed and ready to go. Outfit the RV with older towels, for example, that have been bumped from use in the house. After a trip, wash the RV laundry and repack it, and it's ready for the next time. The same holds true for kitchen hardware. A set of pans and the like from Goodwill or a garage sale is dirt cheap and can stay in the rig, ready for use, without making you haul the good household equipment back and forth. That leaves just seasonal clothing, sports items and fresh foods to be packed

instead of having to restock the whole rig each time.

Plan ahead to reduce cleanup chores. If bad weather looms, an old blanket tossed on the floor can catch a lot of mud and dirt that's tracked in by the family, or by the family pet.

To follow up on the comments about the RV's mechanical systems, the more familiar you become with your vehicle, the easier it is to use, and the more relaxed you'll be about it. Reading the owner's manuals can be a big help, or the RV "how-to" books published by TL Enterprises (805/667-4100) can also make understanding your RV a whole lot easier.

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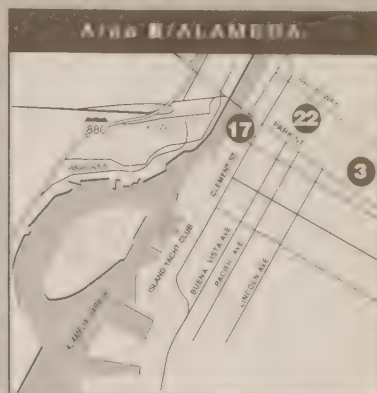
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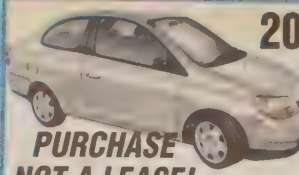
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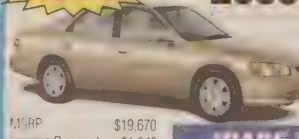
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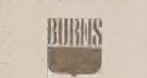
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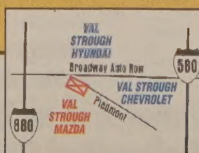
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